



EXHORTATIONS

FROM THE

SANCTUARY

This week we studied the exhortations from the Heavenly Sanctuary in Hebrews 10:19-25.



 Access to the Heavenly Sanctuary (v. 19-21)

 Requirements for entering the Heavenly Sanctuary (v. 22)

 Living in the Heavenly Sanctuary:

1. “In full assurance of faith” (v. 22)
2. “Let us hold... our hope” (v. 23)
3. “Stir up love” (v. 24-25)

ACCESS TO THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY

“Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God” (Hebrews 10:19-21)

The Greek expression for “the Holiest” means “the holy places”. That expression is used in Hebrews for the Heavenly Sanctuary.

Therefore, that text from Hebrews states that thanks to the body and the blood of Jesus which were offered at the cross, there is now a path for us to go through the veil that kept us from accessing the Heavenly Sanctuary.

We can come to the presence of the Father through Jesus Christ, our High Priest. Jesus intercedes for us, so we can be sure that our prayers are being heard in Heaven.



REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY

“let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water”
(Hebrews 10:22)



With a true heart

- This is the first of four qualifications set forth which those who would benefit by the saving merits of our great High Priest must meet. He who draws near with a “true heart” does so in all sincerity, without hypocrisy or reservations of any kind.

(SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 7, on Heb. 10:22)



In full assurance of faith

- Those who “draw near” must do so with unwavering faith in the power of Christ to cleanse the soul from sin and to impart grace to live above sin. Doubt and unbelief rob a person of the capacity to appropriate the saving merits of the Saviour.

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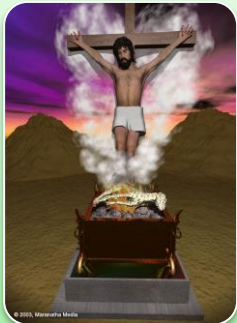
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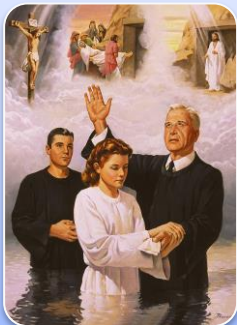
The apostle Paul wrote about the believer before the gates of the Heavenly Sanctuary; he or she has already gone through the brazen altar and the fountain, and has been made a priest (1P. 2:9)

We can live in the presence of God thanks to Jesus Christ. We can be His priests on Earth, ministering on behalf of others.



Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience

- The believer becomes God's priest when he or she is free from sin by the blood of Jesus Christ and has been sprinkled with that blood which was represented by the Brazen Altar (Lv. 8:30)



Our bodies washed with pure water

- The believer must be baptized and remain clean in order to minister as a priest (Jn. 13:10)

“IN FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH”

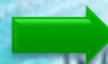
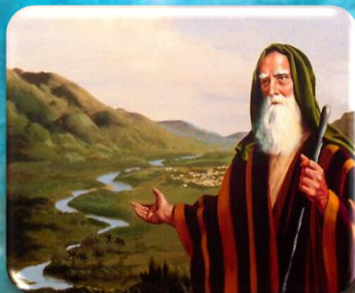
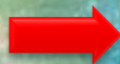
“We need increased faith, far less confidence and assurance in what we can do, and far greater confidence in what the Lord is longing to do for us individually, if we will prepare the way for Him. We need, O so much more than we now have, the longing of soul for communion with God. We need to plead most earnestly with Him. If thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find Him, when thou shalt seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul”



"LET US HOLD... OUR HOPE"

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful"

(Hebrews 10:23)



What is "our hope"?

- "looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13)

Does God keep His promises?

- "Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses" (1 Kings 8:56)

How can we keep our hope alive?

- "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1)

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching”

(Hebrews 10:24-25)



“STIR UP LOVE”

Jesus told us how to identify a true Christian: “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35)

Paul invites us to stir up that love and the desire of doing good works through our communion, meeting regularly at church and praising God together.

“As brethren of our Lord, we are called with a holy calling to a holy, happy life. Having entered the narrow path of obedience, let us refresh our minds by communion with one another and with God. As we see the day of God approaching, let us meet often to study His Word and to exhort one another to be faithful to the end. These earthly assemblies are God’s appointed means by which we have opportunity to speak with one another and to gather all the help possible to prepare, in the right way, to receive in the heavenly assemblies the fulfillment of the pledges of our inheritance.

Remember that in every assembly you meet with Christ, the Master of assemblies. Encourage a personal interest in one another, for it is not enough to simply know men. We must know men in Christ Jesus. We are enjoined to “consider one another.””

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