

## A New and Better Way of Living – Hebrews 10:19-25

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### Getting Started

- How is the truth of the Gospel transforming your life? How have you changed?

### Key Ideas for Discussion

- Gospel Truth #1 – Christ gives us radically new access to God (v. 19-20)
- Gospel Truth #2 – Christ is our ultimate personal agent (v. 21)
- Gospel Application #1 – Draw near to God (v.22)
- Gospel Application #2 – Draw near in hope (v.23)
- Gospel Application #3 – Draw near to each other (v. 24-25)

Takeaway Truth: Jesus has made obsolete our old way of living and relating to God and has given us a new and better way.

### Digging Deeper

#### **Christ gives us radically new access to God.**

- Read Exodus 19:16-20. Discuss what it must have felt like to be an Israelite assembling before the Lord at Mount Sinai.
- If you want to gain a sense of what the high priest had to do to enter the Most Holy Place, read Leviticus 16.
- Why was access to God logistically and qualitatively different under the Old Covenant?
  - At this point in redemptive history (prior to Christ), God was teaching His people about the seriousness of sin and about His holy character. God was also pointing to Christ and what would be necessary for His people to be in His presence.
- How are we to think about the Old Covenant ways (administration) – temple, priests, law, sacrifice, offerings, etc.?
  - Hebrews 10:1. The Law was just a shadow of the good things to come.
  - Hebrews 8:5 – The priesthood, sacrifices, and tabernacle were just copies and a shadow of heavenly things.
  - They point to spiritual realities and ultimately to Christ.

#### **Christ is our ultimate personal agent (high priest).**

- Discuss Christ's present role in heaven on your behalf.
  - Hebrews 7:25 – He always lives to make intercession for us.
  - Hebrews 2:5 – He is our mediator.

- Hebrews 2:1 – He is our advocate.
- How are each of these roles different?

## Applying the Truth

### **Draw near to God**

- Do you feel far away from God or near? Why?
- What means has God given us to draw near to Him?
  - Prayer, Scripture, church, sacraments, worship, fellowship...
- How are you doing in these means of grace?

### **Draw near in hope**

- Are you feeling discouraged or hopeful? Why?
- When we drift from the truth, we can lose hope. Discuss this idea.
- Vital truths that nourish hope are the promises of God. Name some promises of God that revive your hope.
- What are some false ideas or lies that can make you lose hope?

### **Draw near to each other**

- One aspect of Biblical Community is spurring one another on to love and good works. Is this taking place in your community? If not, what are some obstacles to this happening more consistently?

## WORSHIP RESOURCE

November 7, 2021 | 24th Sunday after Pentecost

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### WORSHIP SONGS

#### PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

*Words by Joachim Neander, 1680 | German Melody, 1665*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation! O my soul,  
praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to  
His temple draw near. Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth. Shel-  
ters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not  
seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life  
and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound  
from His people again; gladly forever adore Him.

#### WAY MAKER

*Words and Music by Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu, 2016*

You here, moving in our midst;  
I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, working in this place;  
I worship You, I worship You.

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,  
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.  
That is who you are; that is who You are.*

You are here, turning lives around;  
I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, healing every heart;  
I worship You, I worship You.

Even when I don't see it, You're working.  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working.  
You never stop, You never stop working;  
You never stop, Jesus.

#### I WILL WAIT FOR YOU (PSALM 130)

*Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin, Matthew Merker,  
Keith Getty, and Stuart Townend, 2018*

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call.  
Incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before  
Your throne? Yet, full forgiveness meets my gaze,  
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely.  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You till my soul is satisfied.*

So put your hope in God alone, take courage in His power to save,  
completely and forever won by Christ emerging from the grave.

His steadfast love has made a way, and God Himself has paid the  
price, that all who trust in Him today find healing in His sacrifice.

## LIVING HOPE

*Words and Music by Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham, 2017*

How great the chasm that lay between us, how high the mountain I  
could not climb. In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your  
name into the night. Then through the darkness Your loving kindness  
tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished,  
the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such  
boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear  
my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken, I am forgiven. The  
King of kings calls me His own. Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah!  
Death has lost its grip on me. You have broken every chain;  
there's salvation in Your name. Jesus Christ, my living hope!*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body  
began to breathe. Out of the silence, the roaring Lion declared the  
grave has no claim on me. Jesus Yours is the victory.

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### DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 81; Ezra 10:1-17; Acts 24:10-21; Luke 14:12-24  
MONDAY | Ps. 135; Nehemiah 9:1-25; Rev. 18:1-8; Matt. 15:1-20  
TUESDAY | Ps. 123; Nehemiah 9:26-38; Rev. 18:9-20; Matt. 15:21-28  
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 15; Neh. 8:1-18; Rev. 18:21-24; Matt. 15:29-39  
THURSDAY | Ps. 80; Neh. 6:1-19; Revelation 19:1-10; Matt. 16:1-12  
FRIDAY | Ps. 130; Neh. 12:27-47; Rev. 19:11-16; Matthew 16:13-20  
SATURDAY | Ps. 56; Neh. 13:4-22; Revelation 20:1-6; Matt. 16:21-28

### PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Sovereign Lord,  
we know that your word comes to us,  
and that your Holy Spirit guides us in the ordinary events of life.  
Often, when it seems our resources have been depleted,  
you provide for us and sustain us in amazing ways.  
You care for us like the widow in Zarephath,  
whose jar of meal was not emptied, and whose jug of oil did not fail.  
O Lord, may we not walk around pridefully,  
desiring approval and places of honor in this world.  
Rather, from a poverty in spirit, may we find abundance;  
from a heart of gratitude, may we offer you all that we have.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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