

Letter to the **Hebrews**



Lesson 11-Serving the Living God Faithfully

Focus: Hebrews 10:19-39

- **Seeking to walk by Faith in God's Way and to Live for Him (v.19-25)**
 - (v.19,20) It is only by Faith in Christ that we can enter back into the presence of God! He, Jesus, is that living way! **(See John 14:1-6; Acts 9:2; 16:17; Acts 19:9,23)**. We are to trust in Him! By His blood and by His ministry for us in heaven (like with the priests of old) we may come back to the presence of God.
 - We should draw near in faith and full assurance! We should put our trust in God and receive His cleansing power in our lives!
 - We must also be those who meet together frequently for speaking about the Lord's word, goodness, and truth! (v.24,25). Christian's need to encourage one another in the faith and to grow by meeting together in Christ! His presence will be there among those who meet together in His name **(Matthew 18:20)**. We should talk of the Lord's goodness and truth always! (See also Deut. 6:6-8). As we see the day of His coming drawing closer we must meet even more. Like coals in the fire, if you spread them out they will grow cold, but if you push them together they will glow hotly and spark up a larger flame. This is what we need in our Christian experience!
- **We must walk in faith and not be turned away from the Living God by disobedience (v.26-31)**
 - *The Living God is one who will judge His people! All things are naked and opened unto His eyes! Therefore we should not live in sin! **If we choose to live in a life of sin, then God's sacrifice will not cover us anymore. Hebrews is very clear! Christ is not the minister of sin! Jesus does not provide any free tickets for people to live in sin! If we choose to live a life of sin, then we must pay the price of death ourselves in the judgment! That is the truth! **We should sin not! (1 John 2:1,2). If we slip up, there is mercy, but if we choose to go out and persist in the sins of the world then we will surely have Hell to pay, no matter what our profession is. (See Matthew 7:21-23; vs.14-29 of this chapter in Matthew are very clear!!)*****
 - In the Old Testament we can see the strict or perhaps "harsh" punishment on sin. But there was reason for it! People would fear to sin and then they would be more likely to live a righteous life and to make a better history for God's people and a better hope for tomorrow, that the true faith would be passed down to us!
 - **We need a bigger concept of our God!** A bigger concept of Him and a bigger sense of His justice, and a greater respect for His Holiness and power will help to prevent us from living a wicked life of sin. Such a concept is necessary! "Fear the Lord," as the Bible says. **(See Exodus 20:18-21; Psalm 4:4; 2 Peter 3:11)**.
 - We will all stand before the judgment seat of God (2 Corinthians 5:10).
- **We must press on by faith, believing in, trusting in, and obeying the Lord! (v.32-39)**

- *We should remember what it takes to walk in Christ! Because we choose to live righteously, we are also prone to face tribulation and persecution from the world, yet we should not lose hope, but we should continue on in Christ and persevere! “All who live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (2 Timothy 3:12). The world loves their own but they often persecute those who tell of our need to live righteously before God (John 15:19).*
- *Jesus Christ will come very soon! The day is coming! It always does! Sometimes things may seem far away to us, but they always come! The date always comes along!*
- *If we remain faithful to God, then we will be saved at His coming, but if we draw back or backslide into sinful living again, then we will perish at His coming with the other evil doers! God is no respecter of persons. He will judge equally! Those who know better, yet live in sin will be especially in trouble (James 4:17).*

Question (s) for the Heart:

Is it your desire to know, love, and serve the living God faithfully?_____