

LESSON 14: HEBREWS 10:19-39 A CALL TO PERSEVERE IN FAITH

I. Introduction

Hebrews 10:19–39 presents a powerful call to faithful living grounded in the finished work of Christ. Because Jesus has offered Himself as the perfect and final sacrifice, believers now have unrestricted access to God—an access that was never fully achieved through the repeated and imperfect sacrifices of bulls and goats under the old covenant. Christ's atoning death has opened "a new and living way" into the presence of God, allowing believers to approach Him with confidence rather than fear or uncertainty.

On the basis of this truth, the writer exhorts believers to draw near to God with sincere hearts and full assurance of faith. This confidence is not rooted in human merit but in the cleansing work of Christ and in His role as the great High Priest over the house of God (Hebrews 10:21–22). Because their hearts have been purified and their consciences made clean, believers are invited into a deep, ongoing relationship with God marked by trust, reverence, and boldness.

The passage also calls believers to hold firmly to the hope they profess, refusing to waver in the face of trials or opposition. This steadfast hope is anchored in the faithfulness of God, who always keeps His promises (verse 23). Faith, therefore, is not passive but persevering, especially when circumstances challenge belief.

In addition to personal faith, Hebrews 10 emphasizes communal responsibility. Believers are urged to be intentional about encouraging one another, spurring each other on toward love and good works, and remaining committed to fellowship rather than withdrawing in isolation (verses 24–25). The Christian life is meant to be lived in community, where mutual support strengthens endurance.

The chapter also issues a sobering warning against willful and deliberate rejection of Christ, underscoring the seriousness of turning away from the grace that has been freely given. Such rejection carries grave consequences, reminding readers that faith is both a gift and a responsibility.

Finally, the passage concludes by recalling the believers' earlier perseverance during times of suffering and hardship. They are encouraged not to shrink back in fear but to continue living by faith, confident that endurance will lead to God's promised reward. Hebrews 10:19–39 ultimately calls believers to live boldly, faithfully, and together, grounded in the finished work of Christ.

II. Study the Scriptures: Read the Hebrews 10:19-39 Passage

Note your thoughts as you read:

Write down any questions that come to mind as you read:

III. Think Through the Following Questions:

1. Why should believers' confidence in approaching God according to this passage?
2. How does the author describe the role of community in spiritual growth and endurance?
3. What is the difference between willful rejection and sincere struggle with sin?
4. How does God's faithfulness serve as the foundation for holding fast to hope?
5. Which command challenges you most right now: draw near, hold fast, encourage, or endure?
6. How does remembering past faithfulness help strengthen present faith?
7. What does it look like for you to live by faith instead of shrinking back?

IV. Lessons Learned: Are there any new things you learned from this passage today?

V. Application: How Do You think this will impact your thinking and/or actions going forward?