

HEBREWS 10:19–39

FIRST DAY: Introduction

In Hebrews 10:1–18, the author revealed the greatness of God’s will for us. God desired to thoroughly cleanse us from our sins and establish a new covenant with us. This was necessary because the sacrifices performed at the tabernacle or temple could not permanently deal with sin. They provided only a temporary covering that foreshadowed the greater sacrifice of the Son of God. Jesus’ sacrifice for sin was eternal, effective, and established God’s new covenant with men!

According to this new covenant, all who believe in Jesus:

- Are perfected
- Are being sanctified
- Receive God’s laws in their hearts
- Have God’s laws written in their minds
- Have their sins and lawless deeds remembered no more

So, how should someone respond to God’s great offering? Throughout the remainder of Hebrews 10, the author both invites and challenges his readers to fully receive, respond, and respect the new covenant of God.

Ask God to move in your heart to fully respond to all God has done for you through Jesus!

SECOND DAY: Read Hebrews 10:19–25

1. Through Jesus, we are now able to *enter the Holiest* (presence of God). Use Hebrews 10:19–20 to answer the following questions:

- a. How do we *enter the Holiest*? (verse 19a)

(1) Link this with Hebrews 4:16 and share your thoughts.

- b. *By* what means do we have access? (verse 19b)

- c. How is this *way* described? (verse 20a)

- d. How was it *consecrated* for us? (verse 20b)

- e. How do you desire to respond to what Jesus has made available to you?

2. Since we have a *High Priest over the house of God* (Hebrews 10:21), the author suggested three further appropriate responses to the new covenant. Using Hebrews 10:22–25, fill in the chart below:

HEBREWS 10:22–25	RESPONSE	HOW TO RESPOND	REASON FOR RESPONSE
Verse 22			
Verse 23			
Verses 24–25			

- a. What is your greatest takeaway from these verses?
3. What challenges you most about how we are to respond to the new covenant?
4. How are you encouraged to respond to the new covenant Jesus established for you?

THIRD DAY: Read Hebrews 10:26–31

1. In Hebrews 10:19–25, the author clarified the appropriate response to the new covenant. In Hebrews 10:26–31, the author then stressed the dangerous way to respond to God’s new covenant. Use Hebrews 10:26–31 to note and remark on:
 - a. Sinning *willfully* (verse 26a)

(1) How would you define *willfully*?

- b. The consequences (verses 26b–27)

2. According to Hebrews 10:28, anyone who completely *rejected Moses’ law* was put to death *on the testimony of two or three witnesses*. Use Hebrews 10:29 to write the three things those who *sin willfully* do:

- a.
- b.
- c.

(1) Why is this such a serious offense?

3. To emphasize the seriousness of these warnings, the author quoted Deuteronomy 32:35–36. By using these verses, what is the author emphasizing about God in Hebrews 10:30?

4. Record the dire warning in Hebrews 10:31.
 - a. Link this with Luke 20:17–18 and share your thoughts.

 - b. The Bible commentator William Newell said, *To fall into the hands of the Living God is, therefore, to have resisted His love, refused His salvation, despised the warnings of His Spirit, and to have persisted thus past the point where God can consistently show further grace.*¹³ In light of your study today, how does this speak to you?

5. In John 15:23 Jesus said, *He who hates Me hates My Father also.* What does your study today convey to you about God's love for His Son? See also Philippians 2:9–11.

FOURTH DAY: Read Hebrews 10:32–35

1. After reminding the Hebrew believers of the severe consequences of rejecting God's grace through Jesus Christ, the author encouraged them to *recall the former days* when they first received Christ (Hebrews 10:32a). Hebrews 10:32b–34 (NLT) says, ^{32b}*Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering.* ³³*Sometimes you were exposed to public ridicule and were beaten, and sometimes you helped others who were suffering the same things.* ³⁴*You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever.* Use these verses to note and remark on the following aspects of the Hebrew believers' testimony:

a. Their faithfulness (verse 32b)

b. Their suffering (verse 33)

c. Their attitude (verse 34a)

d. Their expectation (verse 34b)

(1) How do you think this reminder would have affected the Hebrew believers?

- (2) What do you find noteworthy about their testimony?
- (3) Considering their former fervency and the pressures they faced, use the following Scriptures to underscore the author's exhortation:
- (a) John 16:33
 - (b) 1 Timothy 6:12
 - (c) 2 Timothy 3:12
 - (d) Revelation 2:4–5
2. In light of the testimony of their *former days*, what did the author exhort the believers **not** to do? Hebrews 10:35a
- a. Why were they **not** to do this? Hebrews 10:35b
- (1) Link this with the following Scriptures and record your observations:
- (a) Matthew 5:12

(b) James 1:12

(c) 2 Timothy 4:8

b. Why do you think these believers needed this exhortation?

(1) Why do you need this exhortation?

3. Take a moment to *recall the former days* when you first came to Christ.

Share a way this:

a. Encourages you

b. Challenges you

FIFTH DAY: Read Hebrews 10:36–39

1. After reminding the Hebrew believers of their early relationship with Jesus, the author pointed the believers to what they had *need of*. Use Hebrews 10:36a to identify and define this need.

- a. What would the believers receive after they had *done the will of God*?
- (1) Why is doing *the will of God* so essential?
2. In Hebrews 10:37–38, the author quoted Habakkuk 2:3–4. What is stated about:
- a. *He who is coming* (verse 37)
- (1) How does this minister to you about God’s work in your life?
- b. *The just* (verse 38a)
- (1) This verse is quoted two more times in the New Testament. Read Romans 1:17 and Galatians 3:11 and comment on the significance of *faith*.
- c. The one who *draws back* (verse 38b)
3. In Hebrews 10:39, the author closed his exhortation by reminding the Hebrew believers of their identity in Christ. What does he remind them concerning *who* they:
- a. *Are not* (verse 39a)

b. *Are* (verse 39b)

(1) Contrast the destinations of these two opposing identities.

(2) Why is it important to be reminded of *who* you are in Christ?

4. As a believer, what do you have *need of* that you might receive all God has for you?

SIXTH DAY: Review

1. What do the following phrases mean to you:

a. *Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith*

b. *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering*

c. *Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works*

d. *Therefore do not cast away your confidence*

e. *For you have need of endurance*

f. *Now the just shall live by faith*

2. How did this week's study speak to you concerning the reward of *Our Great Faith*?