

## Hebrews (March 21, 2021)

### OPENING QUESTION:

**SERMON DISCUSSION:** How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

### READ Hebrews 10:19-25

**NOTE:** Eventually the tent/tabernacle of the desert was replaced with a “brick & mortar” temple in Jerusalem. A massive curtain was made to continue the separation of the Holy of Holies to keep people from having access to God. “Jewish historians record that this curtain was 60’ long and 20’ wide, as thick as a man’s palm, and so heavy that it took 300 priests to manipulate it.” The tearing of the curtain almost certainly took place at the time of the evening sacrifice. The priest would have been in the Holy Place just outside of the Holy of Holies.” (From Bible Study Fellowship Matthew Study).

1. Considering the dimensions of the curtain, what is remarkable about the tearing of the curtain found in Matthew 27:50-51? Who tore the curtain and what does this reveal about the possibility of man having access to God?
2. Expound regarding how Jesus’s flesh is identified with the tabernacle curtain? What is “the new and living way that He opened for us”? (Hebrews 10:19-20; Matthew 27:50-51)
3. What is the “house of God” over which Jesus exercises His high priesthood (Hebrews 3:1-6, 10:21; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19-20; Ephesians 2:18-22)?

4. How does Jesus's atoning work allow us to draw near to a holy God (Hebrews 10:22)? What happens to the condition of our consciences/hearts and bodies because of Christ (Ezekiel 36:25-26; Titus 3:5; 1 John 1:7)?

5. "The term 'confession,' *homologia*, refers to an 'expression of allegiance as an action,' or 'professing,' but it can also refer to a 'statement of allegiance.'"  
(Living Insights New Testament Commentary Hebrews p.158 by Charles R. Swindoll)

Hebrews 10:23 entreats believers to, "... hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering for He who promised is faithful."

What is this "confession" rooted upon? What should the evidence of this confession look like? Why is there no *need* for "wavering"?

6. The author of Hebrews gives an exhortation to **consider** (pay thoughtful attention) Jesus, the high priest of our confession (Hebrews 3:1). Then the author urges us to **consider** fellow believers. Why is this essential (Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 4:7-12)?

7. Give practical suggestions of ways believers can stir one another to love, do good works, be encouragers and meet together.

8. What is "the Day drawing near (Hebrews 10:25, Matthew 24:30-31, 44)? How does this knowledge of the event impact your daily life?