

## Sermon Notes

**Text:** Hebrews 10:19-25

**Title:** The Call to Persevere, Pt. I

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### **I. THE ACCESS THAT IS ASSURED**

**19-21**

Note parallels with 4:14-16. 10:19-25 = advantages and obligations resulting from and required by Christ's once for all sacrifice, vv. 1-18

#### **A. THE SPECIAL PRIVILEGE**

**19**

The Caring Association- brothers; see 2:11; 3:1, 12; 13:22. The Common Advantage- recall Mt 1:21; confidence to enter most holy place=possession of all believers; very means by which Christ entered the heavenly sanctuary, 9: 12, 14, 25.

#### **B. THE SUBLIME PROCESS**

**20**

Opened = inaugurate, 9:18, or dedicate, 6:19. Contrast between access to God in earthly and heavenly sanctuary. New, life-giving [see 4:12; 7:25; 10:31] road by which we are urged to come, travel, through flesh of Christ .... Mt 27:50-51.

#### **C. THE SUPREME PRIEST**

**21**

The Reality of His Supremacy- cf 4:14-16; 8:1-2- minister= word from which we get liturgy. The Reaffirmation of his Supremacy- see 3:1-6, esp. 6. God's house = God's people, 1 Tim 3:15; Gal 6:10; Eph 2:19. **Summary: 10:19-21 similar to, expands 4:14-16.**

### **II. THE APPROACH WE CAN ASSUME**

**22-23**

#### **A. OUR UNSHAKABLE CONVICTION**

**22A**

The manner in which we can, must approach our God= solely on basis of Christ's work on our behalf. With sincerity and conviction that faith produces, cf 6:11. Believers given this new, true heart, Jer 31:33; Eze 36:26-27, in the new covenant fulfilled by Christ.

#### **B. OUR UNCHANGEABLE CONSECRATION**

**22B**

In 2 ways: sprinkling of hearts ... and bodies washed with pure water. Both = imagery of preparing Levitical priests for service, Ex 29:4, 21; Lev 8:6, 30. More likely Heb 9:18-22. Christ's blood cleanses from all barriers, burdens precluding our access to God. Bodies washed... not Christian baptism but similar to sprinkled hearts. See 9:13-14; Eze 36:25-27.

#### **C. OUR UNWAVERING CONFESSION**

**23**

The Persistent Charge- 3:6, 14; 4:14; cf 6:11, 19; 7:19. Not a technical, baptismal confession but to a profession of hope, 10: 19-20; 6:18, our objective hope in Christ alone. Recall prevailing temptation of Hebrews to return to Moses, to the 1st Testament. The Premier Cause- God's faithfulness to keep, do his Word/promise, 6:17-18

### **III. THE ACCOUNTABILITY THAT IS ASSIGNED**

**24-25**

#### **A. TO OUR VIRTUOUS WORK**

**24**

A continuous, considerate, committed care. A benign provocation, Eph 2:10; Tit 2:14; 3:8. We are our brother's keeper. See Jas 2:8.

#### **B. TO OUR VITAL WORSHIP**

**25A, B**

The Current Custom- negatively. Abandon, desert, 2 Tim 4:10, 16; forsake, Mk 15:34. Due to persecution, Heb 10:32-34 or apathy/indifference, 2:1-3; 3:7-15; 5:11-14. Lack of love to God and neighbor most clearly shown in sinfully abandoning communal covenant relationships, especially corporate worship. The Crucial Command- positively.

#### **C. WITH A VIVID WARNING**

**25A,C,D**

Picture of the Lord's eschatological ingathering together of his elect. Meeting together = eschatological context; same word in 2 Ths 2:1; Mt 24:31; Mk 13:27; also Mt 23:37. Already, corporate worship represents, foretells and anticipates the not yet consummate harvest. Teaching: abandonment of such reverent activity today leads to exclusion from this gathering.