

## **A study through Hebrews 10:19-25**

In light of the recent church closures caused by the COVID-19, many (including John MacArthur, Mark Dever) have quoted this passage as proof of God's imperative to continue meeting. However, this passage is being very misunderstood by those with political motives. Below is a detailed study of the passage.

### **An analytical outline of the passage**

Jesus Christ provides two things:

1. "Confidence to enter the holiest of places"  
"By the blood of Jesus"  
"By the new and living way that he opened for us... through his flesh"
2. "A great priest over the house of God"

We have a three-fold response:

1. "Let us draw near..." – Let us enter that holy place frequently and intimately  
"With a true heart in full assurance of faith"  
"With our hearts sprinkled clean... and our bodies washed..."
2. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope"  
"Without wavering"  
"For he who promised is faithful."
3. "Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works"  
"Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some"  
"Encouraging one another"  
"And all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

### **An exposition of the passage**

Based strictly upon the previous outline, which is derived from the grammar of the passage, we would understand this just as it was given by God.

We as believers, having been given access to the very presence of God by the body and blood of Jesus, are able to step boldly into the very glorious presence of God. Furthermore, because of His sacrifice, Jesus continues to serve as our priest, granting us that very access by His own credibility in that office.

Because we are blessed to have such immediate and open access to God, we should take advantage and enter His presence often, having a heartfelt sincerity in confidence of trust in the truth of Christ's provision because He has cleaned us from our sins dark stains.

Because we are blessed to have immediate and open access to God, we should hang on tightly to our testimony of our confidence, never faltering because we know that our God's promise to save is always trustworthy.

Because we are blessed to have immediate and open access to God, we should think about how we can prompt each other, as spiritual siblings, to more love, and more good works. The two fundamental ways we can do that is to take advantage of every opportunity to meet together and encouraging each other. And as time goes by, we realize we have less and less time for that sweet fellowship, so we cherish each meeting.