

# Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

## Hebrews 10:19-39

### Lesson 13

This week's lesson begins with the glorious reminder that we have access into the very presence of God, encouraging us to *draw near* to Him. This section also contains the warning of the consequences of *drawing back*. The contrast is stark and is of great concern to the author. Drawing near to God is so much better. May this lesson bring you to a deeper appreciation of God's invitation to us to *draw near* to Him.

#### DAY ONE: Read Hebrews 10:19-39

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?
  - a. Hebrews 10:19-39 has been divided into two sections. List below the subject(s) covered in each section.

**Verses 19-25**

**Verses 26-39**

How would you title each section? Record your titles on the **Chapter & Paragraph Division Titles Chart** provided with your Observation Worksheet.

After titling each section, record a title for Chapter 10.

2. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbol**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

Used in prior homework lessons: *God, Jesus, Spirit, High Priest*, and the phrase *let us*.

New to this lesson: *faith*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in Hebrews 10:19-39. Remember, as you mark the words *God, Jesus, Spirit*, and *High Priest*, to mark any personal pronouns or other titles that refer to them.

3. Note the term of conclusion, *therefore*, in verses 19 and 35. Mark each reference. Choose one and record the conclusion stated and what it is based upon.
4. The contrasting word *but* is used 6 times in Hebrews 10:19-39. Mark each time it is used. Choose one of the contrasts and briefly reflect on its significance.
5. Using the chart titled *Jesus*, list a few things that Hebrews 10:19-39 reveals about Him.

## DAY TWO: Read Hebrews 10:19-25

1. After all the glorious declarations in this epistle concerning the great High Priest, the better tabernacle, the better covenant, and the better Sacrifice, the writer now addresses the responsibility of the believer. Privilege always brings responsibility. Beginning with the sentence of Hebrews 10:19-22 and throughout the remaining verses of Hebrews, believers are exhorted to avail themselves of the advantages of the new covenant and to enjoy its privileges. One of these wonderful benefits is described here. Record what Hebrews 10:19 says we have.
  - a. The word *boldness* can mean confidence or liberty. According to Hebrews 19b, 20 how was this access into the *Holiest* (the very presence of God) obtained?
  
2. Hebrews 10:21 declares we have a *High Priest over the house of God* (the church). Through Him we have access to the Holy of Holies, the very presence of God. Incredibly, we can come with *boldness*, completely free to enter, because of what Jesus Christ has done *through the veil of His flesh* (His sacrifice). Consider the glorious privilege of this access and the extreme cost of it. What should this compel us to do? Answer by printing the first four words of Hebrews 10:22.
  - a. Refer back to the exhortation and promise of Hebrews 4:16. What do you see (in light of Hebrews 10:22)?
  
3. We are to continually *draw near*, taking advantage of the privilege that is ours. Complete the following phrases from Hebrews 10:22 that describe how we are to do this:
  - a. *with a*
  - b. *in full*
  - c. *having our*
  - d. *and our*
  - 1.)What does this mean in practical terms?
  
4. *Our hearts have been sprinkled from an evil conscience* by what Christ has done. Like the Old Testament priests who were consecrated, our bodies are *washed with pure water*. What could hinder a person from *drawing near to God*?
  - a. What is promised to those who do *draw near*? See James 4:8a.

5. The second *let us* exhortation in this passage is recorded in Hebrews 10:23. What are we told to do?
  - a. According to the last phrase in this verse, why are we able to do this?
    - 1.) How does knowing God is faithful enable you to *hold fast*?
  
6. The third *let us* command is found in Hebrews 10:24. What are we told to do?
  - a. Consider Hebrews 10:24 NLT. *Think of ways to encourage one another to...love and good deeds.* What are some *ways* we can do this?
  
7. How does Hebrews 10:25a provide one way to apply Hebrews 10:24?
  - a. Share at least one reason why it is important to *not forsake the assembling of ourselves together.*
  
8. *The Day* referred to in Hebrews 10:25 could refer to the return of Christ. Why would it be especially important to obey this command *and so much the more as you see the Day approaching*?

### **DAY THREE: Read Hebrews 10:26-31**

1. Carefully read Hebrews 10:26-31. This passage contains a strong warning. What is it? Answer from verses 26,27.
  
2. The phrase *sin willfully* indicates a deliberate choice that also includes the idea of *apostasy* or a deliberate turning away from the truth. Hebrews 10:28 reveals that the consequence for those who *rejected Moses' law* was death. Now Hebrews 10:29 identifies the greater sin and records the judgment it deserves. Record the phrases from Hebrews 10:29 that expose the depth of this sin.

3. Hebrews 10:30 quotes Deuteronomy 32:35a, 36a. Seriously consider Hebrews 10:31 as you print it here.
4. The warning in these verses will profit us most if it causes us to continually *draw near* to God instead of turning away through *willful sin*. The best thing to do is to keep away from all sin and to obey the exhortations of Hebrews 10:22-25. What is your response to this?

#### **DAY FOUR: Read Hebrews 10:32-34**

1. In this passage the writer calls the Hebrews believers to *recall the former days*. What do the following verses reveal about them after they were *illuminated*?
  - a. Hebrews 10:32b
  - b. Hebrews 10:33
  - c. Hebrews 10:34
2. Notice their praiseworthy attitudes and responses to persecution for their faith in these verses. What perspective did they have according to Hebrews 10:34c?
  - a. In any trial or affliction, why is having an eternal perspective crucial?
    - 1.) What would help a believer maintain this perspective?
3. Observe and record the warnings/concerns of the following verses:
  - a. Galatians 3:4
  - b. Philippians 3:16
  - c. 2 John 1:8
    - 1.) Our salvation is secure. But, a victorious walk as a believer is not. All believers' walks are subject to weakness and failures. What are some things we can do so that we will walk victoriously?

## DAY FIVE: Read Hebrews 10:35-39

1. Considering the author's encouragement to these believers in the previous paragraph, Hebrews 10:35a is an appropriate appeal. What is it?
  - a. The phrase *do not cast away* could be translated *do not throw away*. They were not to throw away their *confidence*. Explain what that means.
  
2. In what way would the encouragement of Hebrews 10:35-37 help a believer to patiently *endure* and do the *will of God*?
  
3. The blending of faith and patience is seen in Hebrews 10:35,36. In verse 37 the author again focuses on the promise that brings us hope. What does he say in verse 38a?
  - a. The phrase *the just shall live by faith* is a quote from Habakkuk 2:4. What does this mean to you?
  
4. Notice the phrase *draw back* as you read Hebrews 10:38,39. It is a nautical term literally meaning to take in sail. It implies one who shrinks back, turns back or away. View the contrast in these two verses. What do you see?
  - a. Using your own words, define the phrase *draw back*.
  
5. *But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved* (Hebrews 10:39 NIV). How should this verse have been an encouragement to the readers?
  - a. A believer may *shrink back* or *draw back*, but will not *shrink back* or *draw back* in a way that they never return to the truths of the gospel. How have you experienced God drawing you back to Him in your moments of drifting?

## DAY SIX: Review Hebrews 10:19-39

1. Consider the three *let us* phrases of Hebrews 10:22-24. Record one of them and reflect how you are challenged by it.
  
2. Write one thing you learned about the following from your study:
  - a. your access to the Holiest
  
  - b. your responsibility as a believer
  
  - c. willful sin
  
  - d. suffering persecution
  
  - e. confidence
  
  - f. patience/endurance
  
  - g. faith
  
3. Share what you learned about *drawing near* and *drawing back*.
  
4. What actions would you like someone to do in order to *stir up love and good works* in your life?

*Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you.  
Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,  
because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

*- 1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV*