BUT WE SEE HIM! THE SERMON TO THE HEBREWS

MESSAGE 3: STEP FORWARD INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

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Hebrews

Introduction: Fix Your Eyes on the Eternal & Exalted Son

I. Jesus suffered like us - Step forward into salvation

II. Jesus suffered for us - Step forward into God's presence

III.

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14–16

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,...

¹⁸ so that ... we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast **anchor** of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the **curtain**, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a **forerunner** on our behalf,

Hebrews 6:18-20

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B. (Chap.8-10)

²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:23-25

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⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

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¹³ In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Hebrews 8:7, 13

- For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord:
 - I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts,
 - and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- And they shall not teach, each one his neighbour and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,'
 - for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.
- For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

Hebrews 8:10-12

11 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

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15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,
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        I will put my laws on their hearts,
            and write them on their minds,"
17 then he adds,
        "I will remember their sins
            and their lawless deeds no more."
18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any
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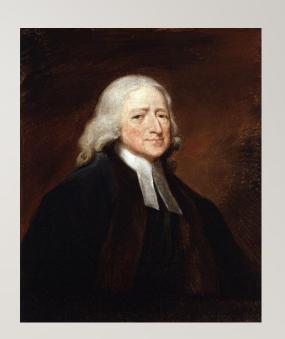
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"The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion."

John Wesley



II. Jesus Suffered in Sacrifice, Approach God Confidently, 7:1-10:25

- A. Jesus the forever priest, 7:1-28
- B. Jesus' New Covenant ministry, 8:1-10:18
 - I. The better covenant, 8:1-13
 - 2. The better sanctuary, 9:1-28
 - 3. The better sacrifice, 10:1-18
- C. Application: Confidently Come Close!, 10:19-25

[Transition/Warning:There is no other sacrifice, so don't choose judgment, press on towards home... 10:26-39]