

Approaching God through Christ (Hebrews 9:11-12, 28)

INTRODUCTION: The book of Hebrews was written to the first century Jewish believers who had come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Here the apostle Paul is giving them instruction on how to live their lives through Christ. Their access to God would not be through the law and the annual sacrifices, but would now be through Christ. To us, this is common sense Christianity, but to them, it was profound and revolutionary.

I. OUR ACCESS TO PRAYER (HEBREWS 4:14-16)

A. OUR ACCESS IS THROUGH CHRIST PERSONALLY.

"We have no steps to climb when we approach God." – D. L. Moody

B. OUR ACCESS IS THROUGH CHRIST'S PAYMENT.

Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

*"Holiness is not the way to Christ. Christ is the way to holiness."
– C. H. Spurgeon*

II. OUR ATTITUDE OF PRAYER

A. WITH GENUINNESS (10:19)

B. WITH SINCERITY (10:22a)

II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land"

Psalm 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:"

C. WITH FAITH (10:23)

"Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case."

III. OUR APPROACH IN PRAYER

A. COME TO CHRIST ADORING HIM. (LUKE 11:2)

B. COME TO CHRIST WITH CONFESSION. (I JOHN 1:9)

C. COME WITH THANKSGIVING. (COLOSSIANS 4:2)

D. COME WITH SUPPLICATION. (JOHN 15:7)

"Prayer is simply asking and receiving." – John R. Rice