



Draw Near | Part One

Lesson Two • Hebrews 10:22

Entering into God's Holy Presence Is SCARY GOOD!

Through the new and living way of our sinless High Priest, King Jesus, we can boldly enter the Most Holy Place with confidence!

Entering Is a Holy Privilege Made Possible by a Holy Provision to Be a Holy Priority!

- **Adjust your perspective** so you view entering the very presence of God Himself as a holy privilege to enjoy!
- **Be filled with praise** for the holy provision by God's Son that makes entering in even possible!
- **Resolve to pursue** with God's Spirit entering in as your holy priority for the New Year!

↳ By **drawing near** by faith! (10:22)

↳ By **holding fast** to hope! (10:23)

↳ By **staying close** in love! (10:24-25)

↳ By **living true** with holiness! (10:26-31)

↳ By **pressing on** to the end! (10:32-39)

Confidence to Enter into God's Holy Presence Is Shown First of All by Taking Bold Action to DRAW NEAR as New Covenant Believer-Priests!

New Covenant Believer-Priests Draw Near with Confident ATTITUDES!

"let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10:22

1. Our *Whole Hearts* Have Been TRANSFORMED by the New Covenant in Order to Draw Near.

*"let us draw near **with** a sincere heart in full assurance of faith..."*

- Old Covenant believers **NEVER** enjoyed this kind of heart transformation promised in the New Covenant. (Hebrews 3:8-15; 4:6-7; 9:8-10; 10:4-7, 14)

- New Covenant believer-priests **NOW** enjoy the heart transformation promised in the New Covenant. (Hebrews 8:8-13; 10:16-18; Jeremiah 31:31-34)

- 1) We have hearts truly transformed for whole-hearted **DEVOTION** to God.

"let us draw near with a sincere heart..."

- 2) We have hearts fully assured by **FAITH** in our Great High Priest and His Holy Provision.

"let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith"

Hebrews 10:22; 11:1, 6

"This fullness of assurance is important, for there is no longer any reason to doubt that access will be gained. The writer is not only clear about the possibility of full assurance, but assumes it to be present in all worshippers who take advantage of the 'new way'."

- Donald Guthrie

2. Our Entire Lives Have Been PURIFIED/PERFECTED to Draw Near as New Covenant Believer-Priests.

"let us draw near...having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10:22

- Old Covenant priests had to wash their bodies and be sprinkled with blood **BEFORE** drawing near God's holy presence in the earthly Tabernacle-Temple. (Exodus 29:1-21; 30:18-21; Leviticus 16)
 - 1) Aaron the high priest and his sons had to have their bodies washed and be sprinkled with blood **to be consecrated** as priests! Exodus 29:1-21
 - 2) Every priest had to wash at the basin before they entered the Holy Place **during their regular daily ministry**. Exodus 30:18-21
 - 3) And on the Day of Atonement when the sacrifices were made and the high priest was about to enter the Holy of Holies he had to **wash his entire body** and then be clothed in white linen that **had to be sprinkled with blood** in order to enter in! Leviticus 16
 - 4) Also when the Old Covenant was **established and entered into** there was sprinkling of blood on the Altar, the Book of the Covenant, and the People themselves. Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:19-20

But all this sprinkling and washing did not actually perfect the hearts and lives of the priests or the people and no one actually entered into the true Most Holy Place in heaven!

Hebrews 9:11-15

- New Covenant Believer-Priests have **ALREADY** been purified inwardly and outwardly in order to draw near our Holy God in the Most Holy Place!
 - 1) Inward purification of a clear **CONSCIENCE** has taken place.
"having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience..."
 - 2) Outward purification of a cleansed **BODY** has taken place.
"let us draw near...having...our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10:22

Our whole lives have been purified and perfected in order to enter God's holy presence! We are now BELIEVER-PRIESTS who can enter in and draw near to God's holy presence!

WHO did all of this?

WHEN did God do all of this? 1Peter 1:1-2

WHY did God do all this? 1Peter 1:2; Hebrews 12:22-24

HOW did God do all this? Ephesians 5:26; Titus 3:5

In CHRIST There Is New Covenant Transformation & Purification for the CHURCH Now and for ISRAEL in the Future!

"For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God."
Ezekiel 36:24-28

Four Questions to Reflect on this Week:

1. What is **my attitude** when I enter God's presence and draw near to Him? Is it the **confident attitude** of a New Covenant Believer-Priest that knows I am welcomed into His holy presence?
2. Do I draw near to God's holy presence with **whole-hearted devotion** that is committed to pleasing Him and obeying His will?
3. When I draw near to confess my sins and receive forgiveness, do I do so **already knowing** that in Christ my heart has been transformed, my conscience has been sprinkled with His blood, and my entire life has been washed by the cleansing power of His Word and His Spirit?
4. Do I draw near to God at all? Or do I need to turn from my own dead works and trust completely in the finished work of the sinless High Priest, King Jesus, and His sufficient sacrifice for the sins of all sinners?