

# **“Our Great High Priest”**

Ruth Sakstad on Saturday evening, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Theme: Approaching the throne of grace.

Bible Text: Hebrews 10:19-25

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19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching. NIV

## **1. We have the confidence to enter the most holy place because of the blood of Jesus**

Hebrews 4:14 - let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

In the Old Testament only the high priest could enter the most holy place.

Ephesians 3:12 - we can approach God

He has prepared our hearts and He has provided a way.

## **2. The way was opened for us through the curtain**

Mark 15:38 - God tore the curtain to the most holy place.

## **3. Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart**

Sincere means to be free from pretense or deceit.

Psalm 130:3-4:

3 If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. NIV

God has provided the way of forgiveness for us.

## **4. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess**

Unswervingly is not to turn aside, to be without doubt and hesitation.

Hebrews 3:6 - hold on to the hope.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 - The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

James 4:6:

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." NIV

## **5. Let us consider how we may spur one another on to love and good deeds**

Cowboys wear spurs to encourage their horses.

God wants us to encourage each other.

Acts 9:5 - it is hard to kick against the pricks (King James Version).

## **6. Not giving up meeting together but encouraging one another**

1 Thessalonians 5:11 - encourage one another

Hebrews 3:13-14 - encourage one another daily

I thank God that He has provided a great high priest.

Romans 15:4 - the Scriptures were written to encourage us.

The Lord bless you and keep you ...