

DAY 30 TUESDAY

HEBREWS 10:19-23 WHOM WILL YOU SERVE?

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.

Our ultimate hope is that we will be reconciled with God. It is a hope that has been fueled by prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah, as well as God's actions in the Exodus, the return of Israel from exile and supremely in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Holy Scripture we read the story of God's faithfulness in the face of our unfaithfulness. Where we repeatedly prove ourselves to be incapable of fidelity in our relationship with God, he has demonstrated that he is incapable of infidelity. If God declares that we have been forgiven, we are forgiven. If God says that we have been made pure, then pure we are. If God proclaims that this has been accomplished through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, then it is so. If God instructs that we can only access this hope by believing that Jesus Christ is God's chosen solution for our broken relationship with God, then the only way to the Father is belief in Jesus.

What will be the basis of your life? Will you conform to the capricious and sin-soaked mandates of the world, or the unfailing and righteous commandments of God? Whom will you serve?

Draw me to yourself, O God, so that I might live my life in thankful obedience to the amazing love that you poured out to me on the cross. May the knowledge of your realized promise of a restored relationship with you fuel every aspect of my life, even now. Amen.