



Sermon Outline | May 16, 2016 | Pastor Shane Patrick

Title: *Life with God* | Hebrews 10:19-25

Hebrews 10:19–25 (ESV)

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, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Outline & Notes

1) The Overall Argument of 10:19–25

- a) In light of the truths about God that Hebrews has taught us so far then if we're Christians we ought to live out life with God through faith, hope, and love (v. 22–25)
- b) Said another way, *Life with God requires lives committed to faith, hope, and love.*

c) Supporting Notes on the Overall Argument of 10:19–25

- i) Orthodoxy & Orthopraxy: Our beliefs and convictions shape our our worldview, and our worldview is inextricably tied to how we live
- ii) Orthodoxy leads to Orthopraxy
 - (1) “ortho” means: right, correct, upright, straight
 - (2) “doxy” means: opinion, view, thinking, doctrine
 - (3) “praxy” means: praxis, action or practice (doing)
 - (4) So when we say orthodoxy leads to orthopraxy we mean that upright & correct thinking about God leads to upright and correct action, doing, and living before God.
- d) How this breaks down in Heb. 10:19–25
 - (1) **Orthodoxy**: In light of the truths about God that Hebrews has taught us so far (In Heb. 1:1–10:18, and then summarized in 10:19–21), then...
 - (2) **Orthopraxy**: if we're Christians we ought to live our life with God through faith, hope, and love (v. 22–25)

2) Orthodoxy | Hebrews 10:19–21

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,

a) Supporting Verses & Notes:

- i) Hebrews 9:1–12—note: helping to make sense of the tabernacle and curtain language of

this text.

- i) Luke 23:44–46—note: reminding us of what happened to the curtain in the temple at the very moment of Jesus death.
- ii) Hebrews Chapter 7 concerning Jesus as our great High Priest
 - (1) Jesus is a fitting high priest for us sinners, since he is utterly: holy, innocent, unstained, and exalted and ruling in authority at God’s right hand. (see Heb. 7:26–28)
- iii) Hebrews 3 “God’s House” Language
 - (1) Moses was faithful **in** God’s house as a *servant* (3:5)
 - (2) Jesus is faithful **over** God’s house as a *son* (3:6)

b) Summary Points

- i) We have new/permanent access to a life with God through the once-for-all-time sacrifice of Jesus (v.19–20).
- ii) We have a completely perfect high priest in Jesus, and therefore, a sure hope of salvation in him (v.21).

3) Orthopraxy | Hebrews 10:22–25

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

i) Supporting Notes & Verses:

- (1) “**draw near**” in the Greek is **προσέρχομαι** which means: to approach, to go to, to turn to, to appear before, to occupy oneself with someone/something in an ongoing way.
- (2) **James 2:19** — **Note:** even the demons believe certain facts/truths, but that doesn’t mean they have faith in Jesus in a saving way.
- (3) **Ezekiel 11:19–20; 36:25** — **Note:** God cleans the hearts of his people; gives them new hearts, to equip them to walk in his ways and live life with him as he intended

ii) Summary Points:

- (a) Orthopraxy Exhortation #1 — Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and unshakeable faith (v.22).
- (b) A life committed to active faith, motivated by a true heart of faith (v.22).

- b) **Hebrews 10:23**²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

i) Supporting Notes & Verses:

- (1) **1 Corinthians 1:9** — God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- (2) **1 Thessalonians 5:23–24** — Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

ii) Summary Points:

- (1) Orthopraxy Exhortation #2 — Let us hold fast to our hope (Jesus), and our confession of that hope, in an unyielding way (v.23).
- (2) Life with God means: A life of unyielding hope in Jesus, and an unwavering confession

of that hope (v.23)

- c) **Hebrews 10:24–25** ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

i) Supporting Notes & Verses:

- (1) **“Stir up”** in the Greek is **παροξυσμός** which means: to incite, to motivate, to provoke.
- (2) **“encourage”** in the Greek is **παρακαλέω** which means to: to instill courage or cheer, to call to one’s side/perspective, to exhort, to strongly urge, to implore.
- (3) **The “One Anothers” of Scriptures (a partial summary):** Loving one another, Worshiping God with one another, Teaching one another, Confessing sin to one another, Encouraging one another, Admonishing one another, Living in humility with one another, Holding one another accountable, Serving one another, Praying for one another, Forgiving one another, Bearing one another’s burdens, Speaking the truth in love to one another, Being patient with one another, Showing hospitality to one another, Honoring one another, Submitting to one another, Being kind, companionate and caring to one another, Actively pursuing unity and harmony with one another...
- (4) **Proverbs 27:17** — Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.
- (5) **Proverbs 27:6** — Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.
- (6) **Psalms 141:5** — Let a righteous man strike me—it is a kindness; let him rebuke me—it is oil for my head; let my head not refuse it.

ii) Summary Points:

- (1) Orthopraxy Exhortation #3: Life with God Means a life committed to stirring up one another to showing love and doing good (v.24–25)
- (2) We’re to stir one another up to showing love and doing good through two primary strategies:
 - (a) By meeting together regularly and often
 - (b) By encouraging one another (see what that really means by looking at the definition notes above)

Conclusion

Central Proposition / Summary of Hebrews 10:19–25: *Life with God requires lives committed to faith, hope, and love.*

Discussion Questions & Prayer Points

1. Discuss with your group the difference between orthodoxy and orthopraxy, and the relationship that should exist between them. Consider and discuss how this relationship plays out in your own life with God.
2. What does it mean that because of Jesus we have access to enter the most holy place (Heb. 10:19)? In what ways are you—and are you not—taking advantage of the access you now have to draw near to God?
3. What are the tangible ways you sense God may be wanting you to grow in your commitment to the life of faith? Share these with your group.

4. What does it mean to “stir up” (provoke) one another to love and good works?” Who are the people in your life that you’re doing this for? Who would name you as someone stirring them up to love and good works?

Prayer Points

- Pray that, as individuals and as a church, we would grow in our commitment to lives of faith, hope, and love.
- Pray that, as individuals and as a church, we would trust God’s instruction to gather regularly and often to pursue biblical community, and that we would never fail to prioritize the hard work of stirring one another up to love and good works.