

## APPROACHING GOD OCTOBER 10, 2018

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### ISAIAH 1:18-20

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### APPROACHING GOD – GENESIS 3:22-24

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### LIMITED APPROACH – HEBREWS 9:1-8 (NLT)

Once a year the High Priest had to follow detailed instructions before entering the most holy place and approaching the divine presence. To not follow the instructions would be fatal. **2 SAMUEL 6:6-7**. Failing to follow God's instructions could be viewed as:

- Not reverencing God's Word, acting independent of God, and disobedience. The heart can be right, but the approach can be wrong. The Israelites experienced tremendous miracles when they followed the instructions and treated God's presence with reverence and respect. We must do what God says and how He says to do it.

### HOW WE APPROACH GOD – HEBREWS 10:16-23

**V16** – Instead of on tablets of stone, God would write His laws upon the hearts and minds of His people (internal, not external).

**V17** – The sacrificial system reminded them of sin yearly. The new covenant provides remission not just covering.

**V18** – The legal offerings are abolished. Because of Christ, the only offering is that of praise and thanksgiving.

**V19** – Christ entered the Holiest for us and opened the way for all believers to enter in. Sin shut the door, but righteousness opened it wide. We enter with boldness because His Blood provides pardon, peace and confidence.

**V20** – Not the way of the law and sacrificial system with dead animals, but by way of the living Christ whose Blood speaks of better things than Abel's.

- His flesh is compared to the veil: Blue = separation from God; purple (red and blue mix) – the blood removes sin; scarlet (purple and orange or fire) to purge sin.

**V21** – Jesus is greater than Aaron or any of his sons because of His endless life and ministry. **HEBREWS 7:16**

**V22** – Our approaching instructions.

- True heart – sincere, pure: A heart matter.
- Faith – Confidence, boldness, trusting in what Christ did.
- Cleansed from an evil conscience – no guilt or condemnation.
- Body washed – controlled by the Word. **JOHN 15:3, EPHESIANS 5:26**

**V23** – Holding on to our bold declarations of faith, knowing He is faithful to His promises.

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