

# THE BOOK OF HEBREWS



## 11. A Call to Draw Near

### Introduction

The way we live is a reflection of what we believe. Our beliefs are formed by what our parents, teachers, friends and society teach us. When we come to know Christ we need to learn new beliefs. In fact our minds need to be totally renewed. That is why it is so important to learn the truths in God's Word, so our beliefs will be changed and it will affect the way we live.

### 1. An Exhortation                      Hebrews 10:19-25

- ❖ The author summarizes the truths he has taught so far in verses 19 to 21. What are these truths?
- ❖ Based on these truths we are given five exhortations, each beginning with the words, 'let us'. What are they? See v22-25
- ❖ The first exhortation is 'let us draw near to God'. How do the truths we have learnt in the previous chapters help us draw near?
- ❖ What conditions must we meet if we are going to draw near? V22

The first two exhortations are about our relationship with God. Then the following three are about our relationships with other believers. God wants to use us to encourage others to draw near to him and not to give up in our Christian life.

**Share**

In what ways can we 'spur one another on' and 'encourage one another'?

### 2. A Warning                      Hebrews 10:26-31

- ❖ What serious warning is given to us in v26? Also see Numbers 15:30-31
- ❖ Why is it more serious for a person under the New Covenant (now) to deliberately keep on sinning, than it was under the Old Covenant? V26, 29
- ❖ What are the consequences of deliberately sinning? V27, 30, 31

**Discuss**

Christians today often take these warnings lightly, saying, 'God is love and he would never do such a thing'. Why is this thinking wrong? How can we cultivate a fear of God in our lives?

### 3. A Reminder                      Hebrews 10:32-39

- ❖ What were these Hebrew Christians like when they were first saved? V32-34

- ❖ How does the author encourage these believers and all of us to persevere? V35-39

**Reality Check**

What were you like when you first came to know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour? Is there anything you need to remember and do again? Check your own heart.

### Conclusion

One of the great truths in the Book of Hebrews is that we can now come freely to the Throne of Grace because of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus. What amazing love sent Jesus to the cross! Yet there are many Christians today who treat the sacrifice of Jesus lightly and think that a God of love would not punish those who disobey him. Yet we can see in this chapter that God is holy and just, and sin must be dealt with. Let's take seriously the warnings given in this book, and daily take heed to the exhortation to 'draw near'. God promises that it is worthwhile!