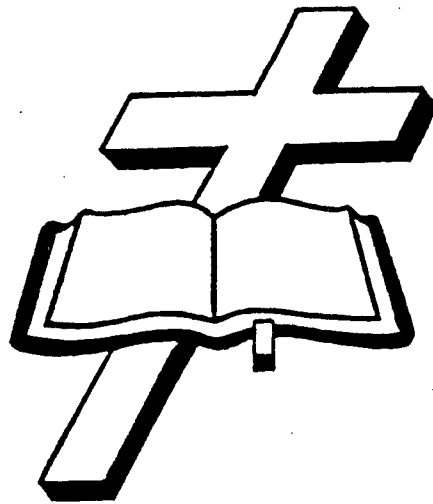


# **RUNNING TO THE LORD**

**(What It Means To Come To God With Boldness)  
Hebrews 10:1-25**



## **“HAVING THEREFORE BOLDNESS”**

- ◆ To Enter Freely
- ◆ To Enter Openly
- ◆ To Enter Confidently

**“Having therefore boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus”  
(Hebrews 10:19)**

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# “RUNNING TO THE LORD”

**Text:** Hebrews 10:1-25

**Subject:** “Running Into The Arms Of Jesus”

(It's No Secret That...)

**Fact:** Multitudes of believers live on the outside and feel unworthy of God's best.

**Fact:** Multitudes of believers live under condemnation.

**Fact:** Multitudes of believers live listening to the accuser of the brethren.

(Many Have Asked)

- ◆ “Pastor, can God really forgive all of my past?”
- ◆ “Pastor, can God really accept me as one of His own?”
- ◆ “Pastor, can God really fulfill His purpose in me?”
- ◆ “Pastor, can God really make something beautiful of my life?”

## Introduction

1. Hebrews was written to the Jewish converts in Palestine.
2. These converts were being tempted to leave grace and go back to the Law.
3. They were being enticed to return to the Old Testament system of ceremony, priesthood, ordinances and sacrifices.
4. The Jewish temple worship was appealing because it was visible and touchable.
5. And, Hebrews is the book that reveals the power of Jesus to supersede Old Testament Law.

- ◆ In chapter 7, Christ has a superior order.      ◆ In chapter 8, Christ has a superior covenant.
- ◆ In chapter 9, Christ has a superior sanctuary.      ◆ In chapter 10, Christ has a superior sacrifice.

(V. 19) “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus”.

- ◆ What is it that invites us to live in the very presence of God? (and)
- ◆ What is it that gives us faith to run into the arms of Jesus?

## (3 Revelations Of Hebrews Chapter 10)

### I. The Remorse Of The Heart (Vs. 1-4)

It is outlined to show us how needful we are of Jesus.

#### How The Old Testament System Of Animal Sacrifices Was Inferior

##### #1. Animal sacrifices could never make us righteous:

(V. 1) “For the law having a shadow of good things to come...could never make the offerers perfect”.

- ◆ The Old Testament animal sacrifices were only a shadow of something better to come.
- ◆ They could never forgive us of our sins.
- ◆ They could never declare us pure, and holy and righteous before God.
- ◆ They could only point to the reality of the One who is behind the shadow - Jesus.

##### #2. Animal sacrifices could never clear our conscience:

(V. 2) “For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because that the worshipers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins”

- ◆ The animal sacrifices never removed the awareness and consciousness of sin.

- ◆ The sacrifices never gave man freedom of conscience (they were continually repeated.)
- ◆ The animal sacrifices could never complete the work of redemption and salvation.

#3. Animal sacrifices could never make us innocent:

(V. 3) "But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year"

- ◆ This is reference to the Day of atonement.
- ◆ It was an annual repetition of the ceremony that gave evidence that the previous year's sacrifices did not do the job.
- ◆ There was a yearly reminder of sin, but no remission of sin.

#4. Animal sacrifices could never remove our sins.

(V. 4) "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins"

- ◆ Animals have different natures than you and I.
- ◆ Animals were not the ones who willfully sinned.
- ◆ Animals cannot pay the judgment for our sin.
- ◆ Animals could never appease God's wrath or satisfy His Holy justice.

Animal sacrifices under the Old Testament Law:

- ◆ Could never make us righteous.
- ◆ Could never clear our conscience.
- ◆ Could never make us innocent.
- ◆ Could never remove our sin.

II. The Remedy Of The Heart (Vs. 5-18)

Question: Pastor, what is the answer to the dilemma?

Answer: The answer is all wrapped up in a person:

(V. 14) "For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified"

**(In Other Words)**

- ◆ What the Old Testament system of animal sacrifices could not do, Jesus has done in Himself:

(In V. 5) He came in bodily form.

(In V. 6), He was looking for obedience, not sacrifices.

(In V. 7), He came to do the Father's will.

(In Vs. 8 & 9), He established the new covenant of grace.

(In V. 10), We have the remedy we all needed:

(V. 10) "...We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus once for all"

(V. 12) "After Jesus sacrificed Himself for sins, He sat down on the right hand of God"

(V. 13) "His enemies are now His footstool"

(V. 16) "His law is in our hearts"

(V. 17) "Our sins and iniquities He remembers no more"

- ◆ Jesus has done what the animal sacrifices could never do.  
(He did something that brings a shout to the soul of everyone on the receiving end.)

#1. Jesus remedied sin (Vs. 10-12)

(V. 10) "We are sanctified through Jesus once for all" (V. 12) "Jesus sat down"

Question: How did Jesus remedy sin?

Answer: He offered His body in our place, to replace the Old Testament system of law.

- ◆ Being perfect, Jesus finished God's plan of redemption.

- ◆ Being perfect, Jesus satisfied God's righteous demands.
- ◆ Being perfect, Jesus paid the full payment for sin.

(So Much So)

- ◆ That when a person comes to God through Jesus, the sacrifice of Jesus is applied to that person.
- ◆ The sacrifice of Jesus covers your sin therefore, and you are counted as sinless before God (no more guilt, no more shame, no more at arms length with God).
- ◆ In V 12, Jesus sat down (what does it mean?)
- ◆ It means **completion** (and we can add nothing to it, but only accept what has been done).

#2. **Jesus remedied satan (V. 13)**

"From henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool"

**Question:** What does the footstool mean pastor?

**Answer:** It means satan is in trouble:

- ◆ "Made His footstool" is reference to champions of war in Jesus' day.
- ◆ A conqueror in battle would put his feet on the neck of their fallen enemy.
- ◆ The neck of the enemy would be the footstool of the champions foot.

(This Is What Jesus Did)

- ◆ Satan's **power** is now superseded by Jesus' power.
- ◆ Satan's **rule** is now subject to Jesus' rule in you.
- ◆ Satan's **dominion** of you has been overcome and over powered by God's presence in you.

(So Much So...)

#3. **Jesus remedied sadness (Vs. 14-18)**

(V. 14) "For by one offering He (Jesus) hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified".

(What A Glorious Revelation Here)

◆ It is the law of double influence here:

#1. **Perfected** and #2. **Sanctified** (A two-fold work of God)

#1. "**Perfected**" (means:)

- ◆ Because Jesus was perfect, he gives us **perfect** standing before God.
- ◆ Because Jesus was free from sin, He can **cover** our sin.
- ◆ Because Jesus was free from debt, He can **pay** our debt.
- ◆ Perfected has to do with **position** (where we stand before God).

#2. "**Sanctified**" (means:)

- ◆ We are in a process that should encourage us to no end.
- ◆ The word "Sanctified" in (v. 14) is a present tense Greek verb that means: "Them that are being sanctified"

**Question:** What does it mean, that Jesus has perfected us (positionally) and continues to sanctify us (practically)?

**It Means Literally:**

- #1. To reach its intended goal of **maturity**.
- #2. To grow in **strength** (as opposed to remaining a babe in Christ).
- #3. To **become** and attain what God has intended you to become.

**(In Other words)**

(God has so committed Himself to exert His influence upon us, that He will...)

- ◆ **Remove** the things that impede our progress,
- ◆ **Change** the character deficiencies that need to be changed,
- ◆ **Extract** the baggage that wants to cling to you,
- ◆ **Purge** out the dross that tarnishes the gold.
- ◆ **Heal** the wounds that have injured your spirit.

**(In Other Words)**

- ◆ If Jesus “Perfected” you before a Holy God (or covered every sin of your past).
- ◆ Surely He can “Sanctify” you (and address everything in the present that needs to be changed).
- Question:** How many of you believe Jesus gives you perfect standing before God at salvation?
- ◆ Then if you believe that part, believe the next part!!! (That God can change what is needed)

**III. The Running Of The Heart (V. 19)**

**Question:** How does Hebrews 10:14 affect me?

**Question:** What should it cause me to do?

(V. 19) Having therefore (what?) “Boldness” to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus”

**Question:** Pastor, what does it mean to come boldly into the presence of God?

- ◆ The word “Boldness” is the Greek word (PARRESIAN)
- ◆ The word means 4 things: 1. **Freely** 2. **Openly** 3. **Confidently** 4. **Assurance**

**(It Means:)**

- #1. To run into the arms of Jesus with **expectation**.
- #2. To run into intimacy, fellowship and **communion** with God.
- #3. To experience God’s **presence** at all times throughout your day.
- #4. To **embrace** the Lord knowing there is no veil or partition to separate you any longer.

**(The Word “Boldness” Means To Run)**

- ◆ Give no objection as to why you can’t enter in,
- ◆ Give no hesitation to stay on the outside edge,
- ◆ Give no room to doubt God’s ability to address what needs to be addressed.

**(In Other Words - The door is wide open to us)**

**Conclusion**

(The Responsibility Of The Heart)

**Question:** Pastor, what is my responsibility to the privilege God has given me?

#1. (V. 22) **“Let us draw near with a true heart”**

- ◆ The word true means: **Sincere, genuine, honest** and without hypocrisy.  
(No pretending)

- ◆ It means a true heart can walk in praise and thanksgiving all day long with God.

#2. (V. 23) **“Let us hold fast without wavering”**

- ◆ Which means, “Don’t **doubt** that what God has promised is for you”.
- ◆ Don’t allow the voices and lies of satan to discourage you from running to God in faith.

#3. (Vs. 24,25) **“Let us consider one another, exhort one another and not forsake to gather together”** (It means:)

- ◆ Don’t come to church just for what you can **get**,
- ◆ But assemble together for what you can give and **contribution** to one another!

**(Provoke to love, provoke to good works and encourage one another more and more)**

**AMEN!**

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