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Book of Hebrews

1. 1:1-4:13 – pay attention to God’s final word in the Son; don’t join the unfaithful
2. 4:14-10:18 – the better, all-sufficient High Priesthood of the incarnate, exalted Son
3. 10:19-12:29 – the perseverance of God’s people through Christ; join the faithful

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Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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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 stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

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“Therefore”...Expanded Exhortation

➤ *Two Incentives (“since we have...”)*

1. Authorization to Enter

- we have free and unhindered access to the very presence of God
- our access is only by means of the cleansing sacrifice and offering of Jesus (“blood”)

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“Therefore”...Expanded Exhortation

- *Two Incentives (“since we have...”)*
 1. Authorization to Enter
 - Jesus, through His sacrifice, has established for us a new way into the presence of God, a way that leads to life

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“Therefore”...Expanded Exhortation

- *Two Incentives (“since we have...”)*
 2. A Great Priest over God’s House
 - we enjoy access to God as members of His household over which Christ presides

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“Therefore”...Expanded Exhortation

- *Exhortation (“let us draw near...”)*
 1. A continual privilege and need
 2. With sincerity and full assurance
 3. As those forgiven and transformed

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