1st November, 2020 **BUTTERWRTH GOSPEL HALL**

Theme: The Christian Priesthood in **Hebrews 10:19-25**

I. The Character of the Christian Priesthood. Heb. 10:18-20

II. The **C**haracter of our High Priest. Heb. 10:21

**III. The Conditions of the Christian Priesthood. Heb. 10:22**

IV. The **C**ommitment of Priests. Heb. 10:23-25

# Study 3a - **The Conditions of the Christian Priesthood**

Intro. : *Having therefore … let us … boldness…* Heb. 10:19

*Having an High Priest…* Heb. 10:21

 *Let us* ***Draw Near*** Heb. 10:19, 21

(1) The **C**all – draw near, i.e. to come to God.

(2) The **C**ontrast – What for? Exo. 24:1, 2

 Israel worshipped afar off; hence, now it is a **C**all to **C**hristians to **C**ome near to worship.

(3) The **C**oncept –*Having therefore brethren…* Heb. 10:19

 *But now in Christ Jesus ye who once were far off*

 *are made nigh by the blood of Christ…* Eph. 2:13

 Thus, **B**elievers are now *holy and royal priests*… I Pet. 2:5, 9

* All who are **B**orn again, I Pet. 2:2, 5
* All **B**old **B**rethren who are washed by the **B**lood Heb. 10:19

 Hence, as Holy Priests, we are to draw near to **S**acrifice – **W**orship I Pet. 2:5

 and as Royal Priests, we are to go forth to **S**how forth – **W**ork/**W**itness. I Pet. 2:9

**A. The Privilege of Worship.**

What is Worship? \* It is the “**S**hipping of His **W**orth” – testifying to His “**W**orthyship”.

 (***S****acrifice*) \* It is the baring of the soul before God in **A**wesome **W**onder and **A**doring **V**eneration.

 \* The essence of **W**orship is **G**iving to **G**od – not receiving from God.

**1. The Implications of Worship.**

a. It requires an **A**pproach unto God. Heb. 10:22

b. It is an **A**ttitude before God involving …

i. An Intellectu**al** **E**xercise – it affects *the mind*, *understanding* I Cor. 14:15-17, 19

ii. An Emotion**al** **E**xperience – the *soul* is touched. Psa. 103:1; 104:1

iii. A Spiritu**al** **E**xchange – His Spirit and our *spirit* having communion.

c. It is an **A**ct towards God – it impels us to Give and to Do.

i. It is **P**roduced in the soul by our **C**ontemplation.

ii. It is **P**resented to God in our appreciation of Christ.

We cannot Worship God with an **E**mpty **H**ead,

 **E**mpty **H**eart and **E**mpty **H**ands. Deut. 16:16

**2. The Institution of Worship. Jn. 4:21-24**

 Intro. : *Worship* occurs 9 times in Jn. 4:21-24 as verb; 1 time as noun.

 *Worship (Gk. proskuneo*, from *pros =* towards and *kuno* = to kiss.)

a. The **P**lace of Worship – not in Jerusalem, but *within* the veil. Heb. 10:19, 20

b. The **P**erson to Worship – the *Father* through Christ by the Spirit. Eph. 2:18 ct. Mt. 2:11

c. The **P**rinciples of Worship – *in Spirit and in Truth* Jn. 4:24

d. The **P**eople to Worship – *the true worshippers* fulfilling the prerequisites of worship. Heb. 10:22

*Let us draw near with a true heart…*

**B. The Prerequisites of Worship, Heb. 10:22**

1. **A True Heart** – a true heart is required to enter the true sanctuary. Heb. 8:2; 9:24

a. It Commences with a Confession of our Condition. Lam. 3:40, 41

i. **E**xamine our**S**elves – *let us search*

ii. **E**xpose our **S**ins. – *and test our ways*

iii. **E**xtricate our **S**tate. – *turn again to the Lord*. cp. I Cor. 11:28

iv. **E**xtol God’s **S**upremacy – *lift up our* ***heart***v. 41

b. It **C**alls for a **C**onsideration of our **C**ontemplation Jn. 4:24.

i. Based on an **E**stablished **R**evelation – in truth, i.e. according to the revelation of the Truth.

* Not **F**ormal but **S**piritual Worship – *neither in this mountain nor yet at Jerusalem.* 4: 21-23
* Not **F**igurative but **S**pontaneous Worship 4:22, 23
* Not **F**alse, but Sincere Worship – *Ye say that in Jerusalem* (4:20); *true worshippers.*

Cp. Nadab and Abihu. Lev. 10

ii. Based on an **E**xperienced **R**elationship – *in spirit*

* Where one’s **W**alk is *after the Spirit* Rom. 8:1, 5
* Where one’s **W**itness is *in the Spirit.* Rom. 8:9
* Where one’s **W**orship is *by the Spirit* Rom. 8:14, 15

**2. In full assurance of faith**

 – the Confession of a true heart is effective only if it is made in full assurance of **F**aith – not on **F**eelings.

a. Feelings make Worship a **B**urden.

i. They can lead to **F**lesh worship.

ii. They can lead to **F**alse worship.

iii. They can lead to **F**rustrated worship.

b. But Faith makes us Worship in Boldness.

 - *boldness* (10:19), lit. = *all speech*, speaking everything, no concealment, perfect liberty.

i. Faith in the **E**ntrance of Christ within the Veil. Heb. 10:19, 20; 4:14; 6:18-20; 9:24

ii. Faith in the **E**fficacy of Christ’s shed blood. Heb. 10:19

iii. Faith in the **E**ffectiveness of Christ as our High Priest. Heb. 10:21

* He is able to Save. 7:25
* He is able to **S**uccour. 2:17, 18
* He is able to **S**ympathise. 4:15, 16 c

Con. Eph. 3:12cp. 2:18

Summary:

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C. *Our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience…*