



“Worship Prayerfully” (Hebrews 10:19-22)

“Every failure is a prayer failure.” – Adrian Rogers

INTRODUCTION: The book of Hebrews was written to Jewish believers of the first century who were learning how to now have access to God in the era called the New Testament Age. For the Hebrew believer, they were learning that access to God was no longer found through the ordinances of the Law or through Aaron’s priestly tribe. They were learning that they could come directly to God through Jesus Christ. That is the premise of Hebrews chapters 4 & 10 (Hebrews 4:14-16).

I. OUR ENTRANCE INTO PRAYER

A. THROUGH CHRIST’S PAYMENT (HEBREWS 10:19)

Revelation 1:5, “And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,”

Acts 20:28, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”

B. THROUGH CHRIST’S PRIESTLY MINISTRY

1. HE IS OUR HIGH PRIEST (HEBREWS 9:11-12)
2. HE IS OUR MEDIATOR

1 Timothy 2:5-6, “⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; ⁶ Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”

3. HE INVITES US TO THE HOLY PLACE (HEBREWS 10:19)

“Holiness is not the way to Christ; Christ is the way to holiness.” – Charles Spurgeon

II. OUR EXPECTATION IN PRAYER

A. GOD EXPECTS CONFIDENCE (HEBREWS 10:19, 4:16)

The word **boldness** comes from the Greek word *parrhesia* which means to speak freely without concealment.

1 John 3:21, “Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.”

Luke 18:1, “And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;”

James 5:16, “. . . The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

James 4:8, “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. . .”

B. GOD EXPECTS SINCERITY (HEBREWS 10:22)

When God says to come with a “true heart” He’s telling us to be real with Him.

II Chronicles 7:14, “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

Psalms 139:23-24, “²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴ And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Psalms 66:18, “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:”

C. GOD EXPECTS FAITH (HEBREWS 10:22)

Philippians 4:6, “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

“He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find Him the rest of the day.” – John Bunyan

Ephesians 5:1, “Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;”

III. OUR EXERCISE IN PRAYER

“We must set aside time for prayer. We will never have time for prayer; we must make time.” – Richard Foster

A. PRAY WITH ADORATION

Luke 11:2, “And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.”

B. PRAY WITH CONFESSION

1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Isaiah 6:5, “Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”

C. PRAY WITH THANKSGIVING

Colossians 4:2, “Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;”

D. PRAY WITH SUPPLICATION (EPHESIANS 6:18)

Ephesians 6:18, “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”