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## SO, NOW WHAT? Hebrews 10:19-39

The Hebrew preacher's argument is complete -- Jesus is a better priest, a better sacrifice, and a better mediator of a better covenant. He secures for us eternal redemption and an eternal inheritance by virtue of his eternal priesthood. Therefore, he exhorts believers to persevere and identifies how we can have strength for the journey ahead.

First, live a life of faith, hope and love (Hebrews 10:19-25).

- ◆ Faith: We can all enter and come into the presence of God because Jesus opened the curtain to the Most Holy Place. We do so in two ways... with a sincere heart and in full assurance of faith. As a result of the work of Christ, we set our faith firmly in Him. We also draw near by two means – because God has purged our conscience with the blood of Jesus and He has washed our bodies with pure water.
- ◆ Hope: We are called to keep a tight grip on the Christian faith despite the changing circumstances. We do that because our hope is found in the person and work of Christ.
- ◆ Love: We are also called to a high calling – to care for one another and to stimulate one another spiritually and morally. Our attention should be riveted on intentional activities of encouragement as we challenge one another to active love. Such encouragement cannot take place in isolation. Some of the community had given up meeting together because of their rejection of Jesus. The Hebrew preacher urges them to have consistent involvement in the life of the church.  
*NOTE: This familiar section has often been used as a proof text to indict members of the sin of non-attendance. This is a misuse of the text and imposes a 'religion of fear' upon believers in order to legislate church attendance. Look carefully at the context.*

Second, be careful –without Jesus you have nothing (Hebrews 10:26-31).

- ◆ What sin tramples Jesus underfoot and treats his sacrificial blood as unholy? What sin insults the Spirit of grace? It is the willful rejection of Jesus.
- ◆ There is "no sacrifice for sins left" if one rejects Jesus.
- ◆ Those who forsake God, God will forsake. It will be a dreadful day because there will no means of escape.

Third, confidence in Jesus will give you strength for the journey (Hebrews 10:32-39).

- ◆ Strength for the journey as we remember past perseverance. The Hebrew Christians had been ridiculed publicly, labeled as "public enemy #1," affected by the suffering of friends, and evicted and robbed of their possessions. Yet, they once did it joyfully as they "stood their ground" and "stood side by side" with each other.
- ◆ Strength for the journey as we claim our confidence in the present. Jesus pioneered our way into the presence of God. Therefore, persevere through present suffering – don't shrink back.
- ◆ Strength for the journey as we anticipate the future reward. God has work YET to do, so wait for God's full revelation when Jesus returns. As a community, trust in God's work in Jesus and in God's future work of redemption.

Gareth D. Flanary

**Because of God's love, we celebrate and guide  
those inside and outside the church  
to salvation in Christ Jesus through the Bible.**

**Prayer Requests - (Please advise us of updates as they become available)**

**Ron Shue** is now at home after his bone marrow/stem cell transplant. Please continue in prayer for him and his complete healing. **Rowdy Carper** fell on ice, breaking 4 ribs and puncturing his lung. Please pray for him during his lengthy healing process. **Evelyn Rosier** also fell and hurt her knee/leg. Pray for a speedy recovery. Please pray for **Jason Weisenborn** (Chip & Sherry's son) in his struggles with depression. Pray for her as she seeks other intensive counseling. Please pray for **Pearl Dyer**, who has not been feeling well. Also pray for her as she will once again need eye surgery. Please pray for **Brenda Jones** (Kelly Hayes' mother) who is serving for two weeks on a medical mission trip to the Philippines and Malaysia. Please pray for **Charlotte Tenne** (friend of Pearl Dyer) who has a brain aneurism. Please pray for **Jim Alban** who is having severe back pain, requiring injections. **PRAISE: Michael Bedwell** (Ron's nephew) was diagnosed with an infection, not cancer! Please continue to pray for Ken Gleim's sister, **Deb Stine**, who had surgery to remove a growth. Pray there are no complications and that her healing comes quickly. **Robin Hart** is recovering from her accident at her parent's home. Please pray for her healing. **Estle White** is experiencing breathing difficulties and may need additional health care. Also pray for **Deborah Prieto** that she make life changes and obeys the Gospel. Please pray for **Helen Lippiatt** (Tammy Brittell & Scott Lippiatt's grand mother), who broker her hip and is recovering at Manor Care Health South, Room 411, 200 Pauline Drive, York, PA 17402. Please pray for **Jane Moser**, who has a mass on her gall bladder. Pray that no cancer is found (given by Judy Trinks). Please pray for **Angie Coble** (Judy Trinks' daughter-in-law) who has heart-related ailments. **Wyatt Koger** (given by Heinly's) is in Johns Hopkins recovering from emergency surgery. Please pray for him, his parents and grand parents. **Alice Trinks** (George's mother) has pneumonia. **Ruby Shultz** (Gary's mother) is back in the hospital with internal bleeding. **Pat Smithson** continues with health struggles. Please continue to pray for her. **Chelsea Carper** has been ill, please pray that a cause and treatment may be found. Please keep **Jim Alban, Jr.** in your prayers, he has lost his job. Please pray for **Lily Seufert** (Steve & Barb Rosier's grand daughter) who had surgery to help her with a hearing problem. Please pray for the **5 year-old son of Joel Cummings** who has Juvenile Diabetes (given by Heinly). **Bernice Bare** for strength during her cancer treatments, **Brandy Potter** is having seizures and headaches and is undergoing tests (unsigned prayer card).

**Expectant Mothers**

Please pray that **Lacey (Dyer) Latterman** and **Leanne (Simmons) Ramos** give birth to healthy babies. Also pray for **Erin Hower** (Earl & Barb's daughter-in-law) who is expecting twin girls.

**In the Military**

**Eric Bankert** (Emily Russell's brother) has graduated basic training and is now in AIT in Maryland. **Jamie Lawson, Shane Markle and Seth Robertson.**

**Cancer Patients**

**PRAISE! Sandi Ahart**, Lisa Parrott's mother, had surgery and is recuperating at home. Please pray for her healing and for her salvation. Please pray for **Stacey** (given by the Dayhoffs) who will undergo a mastectomy. Please pray for **Cheyne Mann**, a 5-year old friend of Brayden Lewis, who was diagnosed with cancer. Pray for his family, the doctors and the road ahead. **Wanda Yost** has completed radiation treatments and will begin Chemo soon. Please pray that the treatments are effective. **Frank Stong** (Albert's brother) will undergo treatments five days a week for six weeks for throat cancer. **Harvey Blevins** is home recovering from his cancer surgery. Pray for his continued healing. **Shontay Hower's** cancer has returned (lungs) after her Hodgkin's disease had been in remission. She is the 17 year old great niece of Earl and Barb Hower. **Melba Neidens** (Lori Lonard's grandmother) underwent major surgery and will receive several months of chemo treatments. **Ruby Hickman** has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for **Warren Yuspa** (given by Crystal Thomas) who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. Also **Diane Witt** (given by Koskey's) who has been diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer. **Richard Adams** (given by Glenda Cummings) has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Please pray for **Barb Tome's** 8 year old niece who has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Please pray for **Melvin Rineholt** (friend of Dennis Cummings), who has stomach cancer. Please pray for **Stephen Royer**, father of one of Caleb Robertson's friends, who has brain cancer. Also **Carl Lawson** (leukemia), **Travis Flynn, Sherry McCracken, Donna Heim, Dave Mitchell, Jean Saez,** and **Dewey Renfro** have cancer.

**Please remember to pray daily using our 30-day prayer calendar. Begin reaching out to friends and neighbors for our "Bring a Friend" Easter Sunday Worship.**

**Upcoming Events**

**March 1** - Women's "Rock" Group Study - 8:30 am

**March 2** - LIFE Groups Meet - no pm service

**March 8** - Blood Drive #2 for Ron Shue. Donations will be taken from 11 am to 3 pm. Call or email Carol to set up your appointment.

**March 14** - Craft Night - 6:30 pm

**March 14** - Jr. & Sr. High Hymn Sing in the Teen Room at 7:00 pm

**March 23** - "Bring a Friend" Easter Sunday. Watch for more information.

**Contact Information Updates**

Please use the address in the "Family Roster" for **Matt & Valerie Dixon** rather than the one on the new Picture Directory page, which will not be effective for a few months. Please change the **telephone number for Beverly Nye** in your "Family Roster" to (717) 465-8039.

**Thanks!**

**Mexico Work Team**

Our Mexico Mission Team is looking for odd jobs to help them raise funds for this year's trip. If you have a job for the team, contact Adam Markle - [admmrkl@juno.com](mailto:admmrkl@juno.com) who will schedule the time with you. As always, this is a great way to participate on one of our special mission projects.

**Attention Men of the Congregation - Two New Men's Bible Studies**

**Mondays - 6:30 pm at the building - "One page and one hour"** Please join us for a personal study and stimulating discussion on men's issues and the Bible - contact **David Munch**

**Tuesdays 12:3 pm at the building - contact Gareth Flanary**

**Items Needed for Cherokee Babies**

Edward & Ruby's next trip to the Cherokee Church of Christ will be on April 2. If you would like to help, please bring baby items (birth to one year old) to the fellowship room.

Thanks.

**Sunday, February 24**

Attendance - Regulars:	169
Attendance - Visitors:	8
Attendance - Total:	<u>177</u>
Offering to God:	\$6,331
Budgeted Amount:	\$5,305