

November 18, 2018: 26th Sunday after Pentecost



🔍 What do I need to know in order to understand what this part of the Bible is about?

// Why do you think this Epistle lesson is paired with the Gospel lesson, Mark 12:38-44 (Condemnation, Commendation)?

📖 How does the message of today's text influence my living?

NEXT WEEK'S READING:

Earthly vs. Heavenly Priest, Temple, Saints
Hebrews 10:11-25; cf. Mark 13:1-8

Hebrews 10:15-25

Once and for All

¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

¹⁶ "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord.

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds."^A

¹⁷ Then he adds:

"Their sins and lawless acts
I will remember no more."^B

¹⁸ And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

A Call to Persevere in Faith

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching

FOOTNOTES:

A - Hebrews 10:16 - Jer. 31:33

B - Hebrews 10:17 - Jer. 31:34