

Welcome to our sermon series on the Book of Hebrews. The author has challenged our beliefs, now he will challenge our actions. Today's passage is a movement "from the head to the heart."

Hebrews 10:19-25

* The Head—it is important to believe the right thing.

- ✓ The blood of Jesus = a new and living way
- ✓ The curtain is torn = enter the Most Holy Place
- ✓ The house of God = a new people related to God
- ✓ A clear conscience = cleansed and washed inside and out

This has been the emphasis in the Book of Hebrews for 10 chapters. But now we are ready for the action it inspires.

Romans 12:1 — "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice . . ."

* The Heart—It is important to do the right things.

Let us . . .

- 1) Draw near (v.22) - approach God's throne of grace with confidence (Hebrews 4:16)

old way—Nahab and Abihu died while offering incense (Leviticus 10:2)

new way—Curtain torn when Jesus died (Matthew 27:51)

- 2) Hold fast (v.23) - Keeping a tight grip continuously (present tense)

This could describe a lasting friendship; a permanent point of view; a steady position even when there is opposition and many obstacles.

- 3) Spur on (v.24) — with riveted attention concerning the wellbeing of others.

Added to this, "encouraging one another," which means come alongside, help and togetherness.

The audience of Hebrews was drifting away from community; along with that, they were drifting away from faith.

The Day(v.24)

An Analogy— > Gold=Knowing God > Silver=persevere through hardship

> Costly Stones =helping others

Reflective Questions:

1)When in your life did you "hang in there" the longest in the face of an extremely difficult situation?

2)Why is both the head and heart of our faith important? Are you convinced? What does that motivate you to do?

