

“MAKING PEACE WITH YOURSELF”

HEBREWS 10:19-25

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Introduction

Some thoughts to ponder and pray over:

This is what Satan does to us. He whispers to us, reminding us of our guilt. This is what an evil conscience, referred to in the Word before us, does to a person. The Word God itself calls upon us to keep our conscience clean, *“Strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.”* (Acts 24:16)

Our conscience is the ability to see ourselves as someone else might see us. Another way to express this in the words of Oswald Chambers is, *“Our conscience is the eye of the soul which looks out either toward God or toward what we regard as the highest standard.”* This is why we must keep our conscience so sensitive that we are able to listen to the still, small voice of His Spirit.

In the Word before us this day, our Father invites us to come forward boldly, in the confidence of knowing that He has made peace with us through the blood of Jesus. Listen to that invitation;

“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Hebrews 10:19-22)

Who of us has not experienced the tension between being at peace with God and being at peace with ourselves? Our conscience can be a relentless voice difficult to silence deep within our soul. *“Our evil conscience is always fearful and unquiet.”* (Thomas A Kempis)

The Word of God is our Strength and Shield against Satan's assault and lies. Consider memorizing these 3 verses in the coming week:

1 John 3:19-20 – *By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.*

Psalm 103:11-12 – *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

John 8:36 – *So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*

And we pray ...

Jesus, help me to never forget that sin is sin. Lost is lost. Paid is paid. Forgiven is forgiven. Free is free. Then may I live at peace with You and with myself. Amen.