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From Where I Sit . . .

“Our Plan for the Future as God’s Family”

I don’t know what the future holds for my life, that of my family, that of God’s church, or that of national and international matters, but I do know who holds our future. God is the giver and sustainer of our lives. It’s an appropriate tendency to think ahead as to how we plan to deal with whatever life serves, whether it’s plenty or whether it’s calamity. With that in mind, consider the text of **Hebrews 10: 22-25**.

Hebrews 10:22-25 (NKJV) ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

If there was ever a time for a child of God to consider ourselves as to the measure of our faith it should be before that faith is put to the test. You need to be sure that you are saved! Verse 22 emphasizes this full assurance of faith: **Hebrews 10:22 (NKJV) ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.** Are you sure that you are saved! While we are to draw near to God, it’s possible that someone reading this article may have been slipping farther and farther away from the Lord. This needs to be stopped and made right today! **Draw near to God!!**

Furthermore we should be asking, “Are we sincere in our walk and have we turned loose of the world? The phrase “**with a true heart...**” in **verse 22**, speaks of sincerity in our walk with the Lord. Are you sincere about this thing? If so, it will be seen in two areas of your life. **Psalms 24:3-4** suggests that they are “**clean hands,**” and a “**pure heart.**”

Psalms 24:3-4 (KJV) ³ Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴ He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

“**A Pure Heart**” describes a saved person who is living a consistently clean life. Not only have their hearts been “**sprinkled from an evil conscience,**” but they are continuing in this walk of faithfulness and maintaining their relationship of purity by the blood of Jesus.

The thought of having “**Clean Hands**” suggests to us a consistently clean walk! This is what is meant by walking in the light, **1 John 1:7**. This is living a life that is centered in the Word of God. It’s only when these things are in place in your life and mine that we can approach God in the assurance that He will hear us and help us, no matter what the future might hold.

. . . Terry Broome