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SCRIPTURE

HEBREWS 10:16-25

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I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,”

17 he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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Through Jesus, our repentance assures us forgiveness. He was the final offering for our sin, and He is the great high priest, who gives us hope each day and the promise that our hearts and minds are being purified through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Be encouraged today by others who are following Jesus, and be encouraged today by the risen Christ, who walks with you.

PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus. Thank you for your sacrifice so that my sins are forgiven. Renew my heart and my mind so that I might live my life in obedience to your laws and as a blessing to those I encounter today. Amen.

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