# THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

# Wednesday Nights Bible Studies

Saint Mary Coptic Orthodox Church of Colleyville

#### Jesus Greater Than Moses (3:1-6)

- Since Moses was regarded as the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of Israelite faith and Jewish religion, so St. Paul must convince them of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_\_ to Moses.
- The high priest should be \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ in his fulfillment of his role like Moses was faithful in \_\_\_\_\_.
- But "Jesus has been found worthy of \_\_\_\_\_\_ than Moses" (3:3).
- "Whose house we are if we hold fast the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ to the end." (3:6).

#### **Danger of Unbelief Hardening of the Heart (3: 7-11)**

- "Today, if you will \_\_\_\_\_ His voice, do not \_\_\_\_\_ your hearts" (3:7-8).
- Hearing the voice of God means having hearts that are
   \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Him rather than \_\_\_\_\_
  and \_\_\_\_\_.

# Keep from Being Hardened by Sin's Deceitfulness (3:12-14)

- The problem of giving up on God and turning back is ultimately not a persecution or peer pressure problem; it is a

### Study Questions for Reflection and Discussion

These readings and study questions are in preparation for next week's lesson.

As you begin each day pray that the Lord would speak to you through his Holy Spirit as you open yourself to his word.

## First Day: Read Hebrews 3:1-6

1. According to Hebrews 3:5-6, what is the difference between Christ and Moses?

2. Compare Hebrews 3:6 and John 14:23. Write down your thoughts.

#### Second Day: Read Hebrews 3:7-18

1. Note and jot down one or two new thoughts that seemed important to you. Why were they important?

2. Ask the Lord to reveal any areas of disobedience or lack of trust in your life. Jot down a prayer asking to be able to enter into "God's rest."

Third Day: Read Hebrews 4: 1-11. Focus on verses 8-11.

1. According to Hebrews 4:8-11, what is the difference between Christ and Joshua?

2. What rest "remains" for the children of God? Express your thoughts in a prayer.

Fourth Day: Read Hebrews 4:1-16. Focus on Hebrews 4:12-13.

1. What do these two focus verses declare about the effect of the Word of God on a person's life? \_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Briefly describe how God uses His Word to work in your life. If you have trouble getting started you could check II Timothy 3:16-17.

**Fifth Day: Read Hebrews 4:1-16.** *Focus in on Hebrews 4:14-16.* 

1. What phrases in verses 14-16 specifically describe Jesus in His role as a high priest? What significance do you see for your own life from those phrases? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What specific exhortations are directed to the readers in verses 14-16? How would those exhortations be applicable in your spiritual life?

3. In your own words and based on verses 14-16 explain to an unbeliever or a child why we can come to God with confidence.

Sixth Day: Read Hebrews 5:1-14. Focus on Hebrews 5:1-10.

1. What characteristics of a high priest are described in verses 1-4? Which of those characteristics would apply to Christ and how would they apply? Which do not? Why?

2. What common theme emerges from Exodus 28:1; 40:12-15; and Leviticus 8:1-36. Why is that theme important for the argument of Hebrews 5:1-5?

3. Verse 5 quotes from Psalm 2:7. Based on Luke 3:21-22 and Romans 8:14-17, what parts of Psalm 2 have application and meaning for your life?

# FOCUS VERSE

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews4:12

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