

# THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

## Wednesday Nights Bible Studies

Saint Mary Coptic Orthodox Church of Colleyville

### Be Sure To Enter The Promised Rest (4: 1-11)

- Though they heard the gospel, it 'was of no value to them because they did not combine it with \_\_\_\_\_'.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the message does not \_\_\_\_\_ a person.
- In Him the believer lives in a \_\_\_\_\_ rest.

### The Living, Powerful Word of God (4:12-13)

- If \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ against the Word kept the Israelites out of the Promised Land, we must take it seriously.
- The Word is "\_\_\_\_\_" and "\_\_\_\_\_."
- The Word is like a sword that is not only sharp, but \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (powerful and dangerous).
- No one or nothing of creation is \_\_\_\_\_ from the Word of God.
- Before it all are \_\_\_\_\_ and thus unprotected.
- We are \_\_\_\_\_ before its searching eyes.

### Our Sympathetic High Priest (4:14-16)

- No one could be more \_\_\_\_\_ to our good.
- No one could be better \_\_\_\_\_.
- No one more \_\_\_\_\_ to represent us in the presence of God.
- No one more \_\_\_\_\_ of obtaining eternal salvation for us.
- To ignore this high priest is to \_\_\_\_\_ the ultimate high priest.
- With such a high priest only one response is appropriate:  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## 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 5:1-14. Focus on Hebrews 5:1-10.

1. 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?
2. 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?

### Second Day: Read Hebrews 5:1-14. Focus again on Hebrews 5:1-10.

1. Verse 6 quotes from Psalm 110. Read Psalm 110 and jot down the phrases that seem have application in the life and ministry of Christ.
2. What roles did suffering and submission play in the life of Jesus according to the focus verses? What role could they play in your life? What would be necessary for that to happen?

**Third Day: Read Hebrews 5:1-14.** *Now focus in on Hebrews 5:8-14.*

1. Compare Mark 14:32-42 and John 12:20-36 with Hebrews 5:8. What insights into the meaning of Christ's life come to you in light of these three passages?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-8 and compare it with Hebrews 5:11-14. How were the two situations different?

**Fourth Day: Read Hebrews 5:1-14.**

1. What does St. Paul mean by the contrast between milk and solid food? What are some examples of teaching you would consider being like milk? Like solid food?
2. What conditions does the writer of Hebrews give in order to be able to receive "solid food?" Write a brief prayer asking God to enable you to receive "solid food."

**Fifth Day: Read Hebrews 5:1-14.**

1. Identify one or two new thoughts that seemed important to you. Why were they important?
2. Select a truth for which you see a personal application in your own life. How does that truth apply to you?
3. Write a brief prayer asking God to teach you obedience and lead beyond milk to solid food.

**Sixth Day: Read Hebrews 6:1-20.** *Now focus in on Hebrews 6:1-3.*

1. What would you identify as the basic teachings about Christ? How would your list compare with the list in verses 1 and 2?
2. Some versions translate verse 1, "Let us go on to maturity," while others have, "let us go on to perfection," and others have "go on to completion." In the light of the context of Hebrews what do you think the author wants his readers to do?

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#### **FOCUS VERSE**

*And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, called God as High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.  
Hebrews 5: 9, 10*

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