

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

Wednesday Nights Bible Studies

Saint Mary Coptic Orthodox Church of Colleyville

The Qualifications of the High Priest (Hebrews 5:1-4)

- _____ is directed toward those who are ignorant and going astray.

Christ's Qualifications for the High Priesthood (Hebrews 5:5-10)

- Through _____, _____ and _____ of man He is qualified as a perfect representative (5:7-9).
- Source of _____ for all who obey him (5:9).
- God has designated Him high priest “_____” (5:10).
- Learning _____ through _____ as having perfected the Lord Jesus.
- “_____” expresses the idea of fulfillment.

Third Warning: Dullness of Hearing (Hebrews 5:11-14)

- The first warning: _____.
- The second warning: _____.
- The third warning: _____.
- _____ leads to understanding.
- Understanding before obeying limits the _____.
- Disobedience leads to _____.

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 6:1-20. Focus on Hebrews 6:1-6.

1. Are there things in your life that hinder you or cause you to resist going on to maturity or perfection in your Christian life? What are they? Are they worth hanging on to? What can you do to move beyond them?
2. As you read verses 4-6 what is it that makes restoration to repentance impossible? In your mind what would be involved in crucifying Christ again?

Second Day: Read Hebrews 6:1-20. Focus on Hebrews 6:4-8.

1. What phrases does St. Paul use to describe a Christian in these verses? Do you sense that those phrases describe your Christian life? What desires do these phrases awaken in you for your life with Christ?
2. How do verses 7 and 8 fit into St. Paul's pattern of thought? Do they strengthen his point? How?

Third Day: Read Hebrews 6:1-20. *Turn your focus to Hebrews 6:9-11.*

1. Is St. Paul pessimistic or optimistic for his readers? What makes you answer the way you do?
2. Verse 11 calls for diligence in the Christian life. Write a prayer asking God to help you find the energy and the will to diligently follow the pattern of Christ and those whom you would like to imitate.

Fourth Day: Read Hebrews 6:1-20. *Turn your focus to Hebrews 6:12-13.*

1. Verse 12 speaks of becoming imitators of people of faith and patience who inherited the promise. List some people whose Christian lives make you want to imitate them. What characteristics of these people do you want to imitate?
2. St. Paul's reference to Abraham appears to be dependent on Genesis 22:16-18. What were the promises of God that He gave Abraham in those verses from Genesis?

Fifth Day: Read Hebrews 6:1-20. *Focus in on Hebrews 6:13-18.*

1. Read Genesis 22:1-18. How does that story impact you when you think about the pressures in your life to not obey God totally? How would the story impact the readers of Hebrews?
2. Does the unchangeable nature of God offer you hope in the difficult circumstances of your life? Why?

Sixth Day: Read Hebrews 6:1-20. *Focus in on Hebrews 6:17-20.*

1. The focus verses emphasize hope. How would you describe the Christian hope? Does this context of Hebrews offer a special way of thinking about that hope?
2. Verses 19 and 20 speak of entering the inner sanctuary. Write a brief prayer asking the Lord to help you follow the footsteps of Jesus and to anchor your soul in the very presence of God.

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FOCUS VERSE

*This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melechizedek
Hebrews 6: 19,20*

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