

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

Wednesday Nights Bible Studies

Saint Mary Coptic Orthodox Church of Colleyville

A Call to Perfection (Hebrews 6:1-3)

- Perfection does not mean only growing but _____ in Christ till the end.
- It is _____ to restore repentance to those who apostate, especially after becoming spiritually mature.

The Danger of Apostasy (Hebrews 6:4-8)

- _____ (v.6) is not just any sin, it is apostasy.
- Apostasy here is not out of ignorance or error, it is _____.
- Apostates can only be rehabilitated through _____ not re-baptism (v.6) (St. John Chrysostom).
- Apostates are equivalent to _____ which bears briars and thorns instead of useful herbs.
- "It is _____ and near to being cursed...." (v.8).

Encouragement To Persevere (Hebrews 6:9-12)

- A word of encouragement and comfort is _____ and _____ (v. 9).
- Imitate those who through _____ and _____ inherit the promises (v. 12).

God's Promise is Steadfast (Hebrews 6:13-20)

- God swore by the highest power available to Him, _____.
- God was both the one who _____ the oath and the one who _____ the oath.
- We need to _____ to obtain the promises (v. 15).

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 7:1-25. *Now focus in on Hebrews 7:1-3.*

1. Read Genesis 14:17-20 in the context of all of Genesis 14. What does Genesis 14:17-20 state about the encounter and relationship between Abraham and Melchizedek?
2. Based on Genesis 14, how does St. Paul draw the conclusions that he draws in Hebrews 7:3?
3. What do the phrases "king of righteousness" and "king of peace" suggest to you about the spiritual life of Melchizedek? What changes in your life might make those titles true about you?

Second Day: Read Hebrews 7:1-25. *Now focus on Hebrews 7:1-10.*

1. In what ways could St. Paul make the case that Melchizedek was superior to Abraham?
2. How does St. Paul argue that the Levitical priests were inferior to Melchizedek?
3. Read Numbers 18:21-26. What was the purpose of the tithes? What application of Numbers 18:21-26 would you make for the church today?

Third Day: Read Hebrews 7:1-25. *Especially focus on Hebrews 7:11-14.*

1. Verse 11 refers to perfection again. How does this reference and previous references (Hebrews 2:10; 5:9; and 6:1) to perfection contribute to the overall argument for the superiority of Christ?
2. What point do you think St. Paul was trying to make in verses 11-12? How would you summarize his train of thought?
3. The priesthood of Christ was a reflection of the inadequacy of Judaism's priesthood. What kind of reflection of Christ can be seen by your life? Write a brief prayer asking God to help you better reflect Christ.

Fourth Day: Read Hebrews 7:1-25. *Now focus your attention on Hebrews 7:15-19.*

1. How do verses 16-17 contribute to the argument for the superiority of Christ's priesthood?
2. Verse 17 quotes Psalm 110:4. Hebrews 5:6 also quotes the same verse. What is the purpose for quoting it here compared to the purpose for quoting it in Hebrews 5:6?
3. Verse 19 speaks of a better hope. What do you think he means by a "better hope?" What are some of "worse" hopes that you find yourself clinging to from time to time?

Fifth Day: Read Hebrews 7:1-28. *Now focus in on Hebrews 7:20-25.*

1. Summarize St. Paul's logic that led to his conclusion that Jesus had become the guarantee of a better covenant.

2. What characteristic of Christ in verse 23-25 both establishes his superiority and enables him to serve?

3. Has Christ become your high priest? Write a brief testimony stating what it means to you that he is your high priest or a brief prayer asking him to become your priest now.

Sixth Day: Read Hebrews 7:1-28. *Now focus in on Hebrews 7:26-28.*

1. What characteristics of Christ are mentioned in verses 26-28?
2. In what way do verses 26-28 affirm the superiority of Christ?
3. How do verses 26-28 relate to the content and purpose of Hebrews 7:1-25?

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FOCUS VERSE

*Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.
Hebrews 7: 25*

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