

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

Wednesday Nights Bible Studies

Saint Mary Coptic Orthodox Church of Colleyville

Heavenly Sanctuary (Heb 8: 1-5)

- ❖ Christ as the high priest and the Son sat _____ of the throne of the Majesty in heavens (Psalm 110:1), (Hebrew 1:3).
- ❖ **True Tabernacle because:**
 - ❖ _____
 - ❖ _____
 - ❖ _____

Better Covenant (Heb 8: 6-13)

- ❖ **The covenant was established by:**
 - _____ (Adam)
 - Then with a sign from nature, _____ (Noah)
 - Then with a sign in the flesh, _____ (Abraham).
 - Then with the _____ of animals (Moses).
- ❖ **Why was the first covenant not faultless?**

- ❖ **The New Covenant has the same formula: I will be their God and they shall be My people.**

- The law of God will be _____ in the _____ and _____ of His people.
- They will all _____ the Lord _____.
- They will be _____ from their _____.

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 9:1-28. Now focus in on Hebrews 9:6-10.

1. What do the focus verses say are the duties or responsibilities of the priests of Judaism?
2. What was not available as long as the first tent was still standing according to these verses? What spiritual gain would become available then when the first tent was replaced?
3. What did the gifts and sacrifices of that time accomplish? What important goal cannot be accomplished by them?

Second Day: Read Hebrews 9:1-28. Focus on Hebrews 9:11-14.

1. On the basis of what you have studied thus far in Hebrews, what do you think is the "greater and more perfect tent not made with hands?" How is it related to "the holy place" mentioned in verse 12?
2. What two things do these focus verses state that are provided for us by the death of Christ? Have you experienced those blessings yourself?
3. What is the goal for Christians that is mentioned in verse 14? What would be necessary for you to reach that goal?

Third Day: Read Hebrews 9:1-28. *Now turn your attention to Hebrews 9:15-22.*

1. What benefits are available to believers according to verse 15?
2. Based on these focus verses why did St. Paul of Hebrews believe that it was necessary for Jesus to die?
3. Hebrews 9:19-20 is based on Exodus 24:6-8. Read the two passages and compare them. What differences do you see between the two passages? Is there any significance to these differences? If so, what?

Fourth Day: Read Hebrews 9:1-28. *Focus your attention on Hebrews 9:15-28.*

1. What role does the blood play in the focus verses? Why do you think St. Paul states that there is no forgiveness without the shedding of blood?
2. How would you state the meaning of verse 23 in your own words?
3. What benefits are made available to believers through the death of Christ according to these verses?

Fifth Day: Read Hebrews 9:1-28. *Now focus in on Hebrews 9:23-28.*

1. How does St. Paul argue that Christ provides a better sacrifice in these verses?
2. What view of the second coming comes through in these focus verses? Is this view primarily positive or negative? Why do you say so?

3. Have you received the benefit of Christ's better sacrifice for yourself? If not, would you like to write a prayer asking Christ to enter your heart and atone for your sins. If you already have, write a prayer of thanksgiving to Christ for his indescribable gift to you.

Sixth Day: *Read your previous answers on Hebrews 9:6-28.*

1. Note and jot down one or two new thoughts that seemed important to you. Why were they important?
2. Select one or two spiritual insights that would apply to your own life. How do they apply in your life?
3. Write a brief prayer asking the Lord to purify your conscience so that you can worthily worship him.

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FOCUS VERSE

*How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
Hebrews 9:14*

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