

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

Wednesday Nights Bible Studies

Saint Mary Coptic Orthodox Church of Colleyville

The Tabernacle (Hebrews 9: 1-5)

- The Ark is a type of _____.
- The gold symbolizes _____.
- The Lampstand, the Manna Pot, Aaron's Rod and the Golden Censer are symbols of _____.
- The Mercy Seat symbolized the _____.

Worship in the Tabernacle (Hebrews 9:6-10)

- St. Paul explains the high priest's ministry on the _____ of _____, (Leviticus 16)
- The restricted access to God:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

Christ Entered by His Own Blood (Hebrews 9:11-14)

	Old Covenant	New Covenant
Priesthood		
Sanctuary		
Sacrifices		
Frequency		
Forgiveness		

The Mediator of a New Covenant (Hebrews 9:15-28)

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 9:23-10:10. *Now focus in on Hebrews 10:1-4.*

1. In what ways do the focus verses show the inadequacy of the law?
2. Why does St. Paul believe that it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins?
3. Do you think that animal sacrifice can effectively deal with sin? If so, why? If not, why did God command it in the Old Testament?

Second Day: Read Hebrews 9:23-10:10. *Focus in on Hebrews 10:5-10.*

1. Read Psalm 40:5-7 and compare it with Hebrews 10:5-7. What are the similarities and what are the differences between the two passages?
2. Read Psalms 50:8-14 and 51:16-17; Amos 5:21-24, and Hosea 6:6. What do these verses say about how God felt about sacrifice in the Old Testament?
3. What relationship(s) do you see between the will of God and sanctification? Are those relationships true in your own life?

Third Day: Read Hebrews 10:1-18. *Focus on Hebrews 10:11-14.*

1. What does St. Paul see as evidence of the effectiveness of Christ's death as a single sacrifice?
2. Verse 11 speaks of priests offering the same sacrifice again and again without any effect. Is there anything in your spiritual life that you try again and again without results? What do you need according to these focus verses?
3. How do you believe verse 14 applies to you? What do you need to do to let that verse become more completely fulfilled in your life?

Fourth Day: Read Hebrews 10:1-18. *Now turn your focus to Hebrews 10:15-18.*

1. What two major blessings of the new covenant are mentioned in verses 16-17?
2. Has God written his laws in your heart and on your mind? What "laws" of God would you like to have most deeply inscribed in your heart and on your mind? Why?
3. Write a prayer asking God to remember your sins no more and thanking him for the forgiveness you have in Christ.

Fifth Day: Read Hebrews 10:19-39. *Now focus in on Hebrews 10:19-25.*

1. Verse 22 speaks of approaching God with a true or genuine heart. What does the concept of approaching God with a genuine heart mean for you? Are there areas of your life about which you have not been honest with God?
2. What is the confession of hope mentioned in verse 23? What is the hope of your life?

3. What reasons for assembling together are given in verses 24-25? What are your reasons for attending church? Do verses 24-25 give you any more reason to be with God's people?

Sixth Day: Read Hebrews 10:19-39. *Now focus on Hebrews 10:26-39*

1. What do verses 32-33 describe for the first readers of Hebrews? Have you ever experienced anything similar to what is described in these verses? If so, what?
2. Verses 37-38 quote Habakkuk 2:3-4. Why does the author quote Habakkuk 2:3-4 in the context of the focus paragraph? How is his use of the Habakkuk 2:4 different from the way Paul used it in Romans 1:17?
3. What verse 39 mean? How does it apply to your life?

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FOCUS VERSE

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works... and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10: 23-25

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