

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

Wednesday Nights Bible Studies

Saint Mary Coptic Orthodox Church of Colleyville

Sanctification Through Christ's Sacrifice (Heb 10: 5-10)

- ❖ The will of God is our _____ through Christ's sacrifice.
- ❖ Our Lord Jesus is the model of _____ to God.
- ❖ Obedience is better than a _____ (V. 9).
- ❖ For the Lord Jesus, the will of God included a sacrificial death → _____.

Christ the New High Priest (Heb 10:11-14)

- ❖ Sitting down (vs. standing) marks the end of the day's work, so _____.
- ❖ Right hand is _____.
- ❖ The work of being _____ and _____ goes on continually in our lives (V. 14).

Call to Use Our Access to God (Heb 10:19-25)

- ❖ Let us draw near to God (V. 22) and this will enable us to:
 - _____ (V. 23).
 - _____ (V. 24).

Fourth Warning: Danger of Shrinking Back (Heb 10:26-31)

- ❖ If one rejects Christ as the way of salvation, there is _____ made available.
- ❖ Apostasy is:
 - _____.
 - _____.
 - _____.

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 11:1-22. Now focus in on Hebrews 11:1-4.

1. Carefully read verse 1. If you have several translations compare them. Now paraphrase the description of faith given in verse 1 in your own words.

2. What is the relationship of seeing and hope according to Romans 8:24-25? How would you compare and contrast faith and Christian hope? How are they similar and how are they different?

3. Read Genesis 4:1-15. What do these verses in Genesis say about faith? How does Hebrews 11:6 help explain the interpretation of the Abel story in Hebrews 11:4?

Second Day: Read Hebrews 11:1-22. Now focus on Hebrews 11:6-8.

1. Read Genesis 5:21-24. What information do they provide about the faith of Enoch? How does Hebrews 11:6 explain the way the author of Hebrews interprets Enoch in verse 5?

2. Read Genesis 6:13-22 in comparison with Hebrews 11:7. What is the relationship between faith and obedience in the life of Noah? What is the relationship of faith and obedience in your life?

3. Read Genesis 12:1-8. What promises did God make to

Abraham? What evidences of faithfulness do you see in the life of Abraham?

Third Day: Read Hebrews 11:1-40. *Focus your attention on Hebrews 11:9-15.*

1. Read Acts 7:1-8 and Hebrews 11:9-10. How does the long delay in promised possession of the land relate to Abraham's faith? How does a delay in the fulfillment of God's promises affect your faith?

2. Read Romans 4:16-24 and compare those verses with Hebrews 11:11-12. What kind of faith did Abraham and Sarah have that led to God's granting the miraculous birth of Isaac? Is there an area of life that calls for that kind of faith from you? Write a brief prayer asking God to strengthen your ability to trust him.

3. Write in your own words the key concept of verses 13-15.

Fourth Day: Read Hebrews 11:1-40. *Now focus in on Hebrews 11:16-22.*

1. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. What promise(s) does God make that enables him to be our God and us to be his people? Has that promise been fulfilled in your life?

2. Read Genesis 27:27-40. Based on these verses why do you think that the author of Hebrews stated in verse 20 that it was by faith that Isaac made these blessings? What kind of faith led to pronouncing these blessings?

3. Verses 21 and 22 speak of faith at the point of death. What demonstration of faith would you like to have the opportunity to show at the time of your death?

Fifth Day: Read Hebrews 11:23-40. *Now focus in on verses 23-28.*

1. How would verses 24-26 have special meaning or application to the original readers of Hebrews? What application to your life comes to mind?

2. What issues in your life force you to choose between obeying God and enjoying some fleeting pleasures of sin? What spiritual resources could help you choose to obey God?

Sixth Day: Read Hebrews 11:23-40. *Now focus in on Hebrews 11:29-40.*

1. How do you feel about Hebrews complimenting the faith of a prostitute in verse 31? What application can you draw from that for your own life? for the life of your church?

2. Verse 33 states that the heroes of the faith "obtained promises." Read Joshua 21:44-45. What promises from God give you hope and keep you needing to trust in him?

3. After reading and studying Hebrews 11 what kind of faith are you beginning to desire in your own heart? Write a brief prayer expressing your desire for faith to the Lord.

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FOCUS VERSE

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen... By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Hebrews 11: 1-3

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