

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

Wednesday Nights Bible Studies

Saint Mary Coptic Orthodox Church of Colleyville

Imitating the Lord (Heb. 12: 1-4)

- ❖ To remain faithful to Christ is like a race that the Hebrews had to run with _____.
- ❖ Faithful heroes who run the race before us are the _____.
 - Cloud: because they are in the _____.
 - Witnesses: because they witnessed to the Lord in _____, and to us in _____ everyday.
- ❖ The cost of our _____ was shedding the Blood of the Lord, but the price of our _____, most of the time, is not bloodshed. In spite of this we complain all of the time because we forgot the exhortation of _____.

Discipline (Heb. 12: 5-11)

- ❖ Discipline is the sign of our _____ with God and also when we accept it, God will deal with us as children.
- ❖ We should accept discipline with _____ (V. 9).
- ❖ Discipline is painful but it yields the _____ of righteousness.

Fifth Warning: Danger of Refusing God (Heb. 12: 25-29)

- ❖ We often err by contrasting the God of the Old Testament with the God of the New Testament: _____ (V. 29).
- ❖ There is one God of both Testaments and both His _____ and _____ are consistent throughout both Testaments.

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 12:25-13:16. *Now turn your focus to Hebrews 13:1-3.*

1. Verse 1 commands us to continue to love each other. List some ways in which you can express love to specific people within your community of faith.
2. Verse 2 appears to allude to Genesis 18:1-8 and 19:1-3. Read those verses in Genesis. Do you think the command of verse 2 is reasonable? Why or why not? How do you think you should respond to verse 2?
3. What is the common theme uniting the commands of verses 1, 2, and 3? How would you summarize these three verses in your own words?

Second Day: Read Hebrews 13:1-16. *Now focus on Hebrews 13:4-8.*

1. How does verse 6 provide a good conclusion to verses 4 and 5? How does the Lord help you obey the commands of verses 4 and 5?
2. Verse 7 commands us to remember our leaders. Write a brief prayer for the leaders of your church and country.
3. How does verse 8 fit into the message of verses 4-7? How does verse 8 speak to you in the circumstances of your life?

Third Day: Read Hebrews 13:1-25. *Focus in on Hebrews 13:9-14.*

1. Verse 9 speaks of our heart being strengthened by grace. Has the study of Hebrews been an expression of the grace of God to strengthen you? If so, how?
2. What benefits come from the death of Christ according to these verses? Have you experienced those benefits yourself?
3. Verse 14 speaks of looking for a city that is to come. Describe the most important features of the "city" for which you are looking.

Fourth Day: Read Hebrews 13:1-25. *Now focus in on Hebrews 13:15-16.*

1. On the basis of these two verses describe the sacrifices you would like to offer to God.
2. What hinders you from living a sacrificial life that daily gives to God the things you have written above?
3. Write a prayer asking God to enable you to live a life of sacrificial praise by overcoming the obstacles and pressures of your life.

Fifth Day: Read Hebrews 13:1-25. *Now focus in on Hebrews 13:17-25.*

1. What kind of relationship did the author want between the readers and their leaders (including himself)? What kind of relationship do you want between your church and your church leaders?
2. Summarize the prayer of verses 20-21 by paraphrasing it into your own words. What is the most important part of the prayer to you?

3. What do you think St. Paul was feeling and meaning as he wrote verse 22? If you had been the author what would you have been feeling as you came to the end of this book?

Sixth Day: Looking back

1. What characteristics of Jesus does St. Paul, the author of Hebrews, paint for you in chapters 3 and 4? Which of those characteristics speaks most powerfully to you?
2. What does Hebrews 5:11-6:8 teach about the importance of spiritual growth and development? Write a brief prayer expressing your desire to "go on to perfection" in the light of these verses.
3. What truths about Christ are especially taught in Hebrews 9? Why are these truths important to you?
4. From your perspective what is the most important verse in Hebrews 12? Describe why that verse is more important to you than any of the other verses in chapter 12.

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FOCUS VERSE

Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His Will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

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