

Questions on Hebrews – Day 2

1. Warnings and Exhortations (and Encouragement!) – 5:11-6:20

1. What is the difference between backsliding and apostasy. Can one lead to the other?
2. Are you growing or stagnating? Is your diet milk or meat?

2. A Better Covenant – 8:1-13

1. What does the writer to the Hebrews think was the 'main point'? Why is this significant?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is a High Priest? What does he do? Why does he have to do that?
3. Why was there a better Priest/Tent/Covenant? What was wrong with the old ones? Why did God bother with them in the first place?
4. What are the distinctive things that Jeremiah describes about the new covenant? How would the human side of the covenant be different? How would the divine side of the covenant be different?
5. Does this chapter change the way you respond to the Old Testament? Does it affect your view of the New Testament?

3. A Better Tabernacle – 9:1-25

1. Is the Tabernacle System still relevant to us today? Explain its relevance, if any, in our daily lives.
2. Consider the New Covenant as a legal document. What impact does this have on you as a believer? Think about things like righteousness, inheritance and so forth.

3. **Jesus as High Priest has entered the Holy of Holies and remains seated at the right hand of God until the second coming, when He will return out of the Holy of Holies to bless the people with eternal salvation. How does this affect us and our relationship with God in this interim period? Consider things such as the torn veil, the indwelling of the Spirit and the duties of the High Priest in His present position.**

4. A Better Sacrifice – 10:1-39

1. **Do you understand and accept Christ's work on the cross? Share how this truth has changed your life.**
2. **Have you been 'sitting on the fence' ? Would you like to ask the Holy Spirit to testify God's forgiveness to you today?**
3. **Have you had experienced religious ritualism and repetition? If so how is your present experience of drawing into God's presence different?**
4. **Look again at the 6 points describing the work of Jesus on the cross. Describe how you are holy and perfect**

5. Faith in Jesus (11:1-40)

1. **Why exactly were the ancients commended?**
2. **In what ways had their faith enabled them to do what they did ?**

6. The Life of Faith (12:1-29)

1. **The church that received this letter was clearly struggling. What do you think the writer's primary concern was? How did he address this concern in chapter 12?**
2. **The writer's warnings are quite strong. Does the writer also show compassion for their struggle? Do you think the church felt loved? Does it matter?**