

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 8, 2020

Passage: Hebrews 10:1-10

Memory Passage: Hebrews 10:11-14 (we'll memorize these verses this week and next)

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 10:1-10.** How does the law have but “a shadow of the good things to come” (cf. 9:11)?
- (b) What are these “good things,” and are they “to come” from the perspective of the Old Covenant or the New Covenant?
- (c) Perfection is a primary issue in Hebrews so by now you should be able to give a full description of what is meant by “make perfect.” Write a paragraph explaining what it means and how the OT sacrifices could never accomplish it.
- (d) Explain the argument made in v. 2 (cf. 9:14).

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 10:1-10.** How do the OT sacrifices contain a reminder of sins every year (note how v. 4 explains v. 3)?
- (b) Put yourself in the place of an OT Jew: why was this reminder of sins both a good thing and a bad thing?
- (c) In what ways are New Covenant believers reminded of their sins, and how can this be either a good thing or a bad thing?
- (d) In what ways were the original audience of Hebrews being drawn away from the reality and back to the shadow? In what ways are New Covenant believers tempted to return to the shadow? In what ways are *you* tempted to return to the shadow?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 10:1-10 & Ps. 40:1-11.** Psalm 40 contains both a lament (vs. 1-11) and a thanksgiving (vs. 12-17). Today we'll look at vs. 1-11 since Heb. 10:5-7 quotes from Ps. 40:6-8. Summarize what David says in the 1st 2 sections, 1-3 & 4-5.
- (b) Ps. 40:6-8 are King David's words. Explain what he is professing to God, especially in light of Deut. 17:14-20, Ps. 37:31, 51:16-17, 119:11, Hos. 6:6, et. al.
- (c) How does the quote of Ps. 40:6-8 in Heb. 10:5-7 connect with the New Covenant as taught in Jer. 31 & Heb. 8:8-13?
- (d) In Ps. 40 David speaks of himself. In Heb. 10, of whom is our writer speaking? How does our author, and how do we, know Ps. 40: ultimately speaks of Christ at his incarnation?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb 10:1-10.** Our writer quotes from the LXX (Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament), which says “body” in Psalm 40:6. What, exactly, is the “will” of God that Christ comes to “do” and why does He need a body to do it (see, for example, Is. 53; Acts. 2:22-24; 4:25-28)?
- (b) How does Christ's obedience do “away with the first (covenant) in order to establish the second (covenant)?”
- (c) What does “sanctified” mean, and how does God's will accomplish believers' sanctification?
- (d) Summarize the main point of Hebrews 10:1-11 in one sentence.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 10:1-10.** A primary focus in our verses this week is Christ's obedience to the Father's will. In what ways does Christ's obedience impact your own obedience to God's will? This is a time to put all of what you've learned in Hebrews to work in your own sanctification. How does Christ's obedience enable, empower, & guarantee your obedience?
- (b) In what ways are you still trying to apply the law as you follow Christ, pursuing obedience through your own strength rather than through the grace and power of the gospel? Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance as you examine your heart.
- (c) What are the spiritual “sacrifices and offerings” you can offer that please God in the New Covenant?
- (d) How does the “once for all” offering of Christ (the main idea of 10:1-18) fuel your own repentance when you sin?

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In Hebrews 10:1-18 our author brings his exposition to a climax by emphasizing 2 sweeping contrasts between the Old and New covenants.

- I. 1st Contrast: Good things—the shadow vs. the reality.
 - A. The law has but a shadow . . . (v. 1a)
 - 1. Never perfecting the worshiper (vs. 1-2).
 - 2. Always reminding, never cleansing, of sin (vs. 3-4).
 - B. Christ is the reality.
 - 1. Coming in obedience to God's will (vs. 5-7).
 - 2. Coming to establish the new (vs. 8-9).
 - 3. Coming to perfect the worship (v. 10).
- II. 2nd Contrast: The offerings—repetition vs. finality.
 - A. The priests stand, offering repeatedly, but the worshiper is not perfected (v. 11).
 - B. Christ sits, offers Himself once for all, and the worshiper is perfected.
 - 1. Because God was pleased (vs. 12-13).
 - 2. Because perfection is eternal (v. 14).
 - 3. Because the Holy Spirit bears witness to the promise (vs. 15-18).