

The Epistle to the Hebrews

Hebrews 10:1-39

- Questions

1. What was the Old Law in comparison to the “good things to come” (10:1)?
2. What could the OT animal sacrifices never do (10:1-4; see also 10:11)?
3. What was prepared for Jesus when he came into the world and why did he come (10:5-9)?
4. What would not be offered anymore when Jesus came into the world (10:5-9)?
5. What happened to the first covenant, will, or testament (10:9) and when did this take place (10:10)?
6. What do Christians have through the second will and offering of Jesus Christ (10:10)?
7. What was accomplished with Jesus’ one-time offering which was never accomplished with the OT sacrifices (10:11-14)?
8. What promise of the Holy Spirit (through Jeremiah) was accomplished in Jesus’ offering under the new covenant (10:15-18)?
9. What do brethren have (10:19) and why do they have it (10:20-21)?
10. What are the three “let us” admonitions given by the author (10:22-25)?
11. What can a Christian expect from God when he or she sins willfully (10:26-31)?
12. What three terrible consequences come about when a Christian sins willfully (10:29)?
13. What difficult experiences did Christians face in “the former days” (10:32-34)?
14. What are these Christians encouraged to have in the face of such difficult experiences and why (10:35-39)? Does the author have any confidence in his readers (10:39; see also 6:9)?

- Digging Deeper

1. What does “perfect” have reference to in 10:1 (see also 7:11, 18-19)?
2. What OT scriptures are quoted in Hebrews 10:5-7, 10:16-17, 10:30, and 10:37-38?
3. What particular “day” was drawing near (10:25)?
4. What was to be done under the OT with someone who sinned willfully and where in the OT do we find reference to “two or three witnesses” (10:28)?
5. What are the “better” things listed in the book of Hebrews up to this point (10:34) and where else in the book has the author encouraged “boldness” (10:35)?

- Applications for Today

1. Our attitude each day should be like the Psalmist (Psa. 40:7-8) and like Jesus: “Lo, I am come ... To do thy will, O God” (10:7, 9; Mt. 6:10; 26:42).
2. The offering of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross allows us to be completely sanctified (set apart) and forgiven of sin (10:10, 14, 29; Acts 26:18; 1 Cor. 6:11; Heb. 2:11).
3. Contrary to premillennial teaching, Jesus now reigns as King (10:12; Acts 5:31; 1 Pet. 3:22).
4. God’s law needs to be in our heart, not just in our hands (10:16; Lk. 8:15; Rom. 10:18).
5. Christians need boldness to remain faithful to Christ (10:19, 35; Acts 4:13; Eph. 3:12).
6. One’s heart is cleansed and body washed when he is baptized into Christ (10:22; Acts 22:16; Eph. 5:26; 1 Pet. 3:21).
7. Christians will fall away if they do not heed the author’s three-fold encouragement: “let us” draw near, “let us” hold fast, and, “let us” consider one another – not forsaking the assembling (Heb. 10:22-25; James 4:8; 1 Cor. 15:2; 1 Cor. 11:20).
8. Christians must have faith, hope, and love all active in their lives in order to remain faithful (10:22-24; 1 Cor. 13:13; 1 Thess. 1:3; 5:8).
9. Let us not sin willfully knowing that our judgment from God will be severe (10:26-31; Jn. 5:29; 2 Cor. 5:11; 2 Thess. 1:7; Heb. 9:27; 12:29).
10. When Christians suffer from persecution, they need compassion, joy, boldness, patience (steadfastness, endurance, perseverance), and a saving faith (10:32-39; James 1:2-4, 12; 1 Pet. 1:6-9).