

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 15, 2020

Passage: Hebrews 10:11-18

Memory Passage: Hebrews 10:11-14 (continued memorizing from last week)

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 10:1-18.** Review 10:1-10 and write a sentence summarizing the main idea of these verses.
- (b) How are verses 11ff connected to vs. 1-10 (notice v. 11 begins with “and”)?
- (c) What are the 4 characteristics of the Levitical priests’ work mentioned in v. 11?
- (d) How are these 4 characteristics specifically countered (notice the “but” beginning v. 12) by Christ’s work (vs. 12, 14).

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 10:11-18.** What Psalm (chapter and verse) is alluded to in vs. 12-13?
- (b) How has our author used Psalm 110:1 in his argument so far (cf. 1:3, 13, 8:1)? What purpose does it serve here?
- (c) When will Christ’s enemies “be made a footstool for his feet”?
- (d) Why the delay between the victory over sin wrought in Christ’s sacrifice and the victory over His enemies?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 10:11-18.** How has Christ’s single offering accomplished believers being “perfected for all time”?
- (b) Does “being sanctified” refer to progressive sanctification (the process by which believers are conformed to the image and likeness of Christ) or does it refer in a timeless way to the believer’s once-for-all cleansing of sin? One way to help you decide is to see how the word has been and will be used in the context of the entire book: 2:11; 9:13-15; 10:10, 14, 29; 13:12.
- (c) In what ways is the new better than the old (contrasting 10:14 with 10:1).

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb 10:11-18.** Why does our author say the Holy Spirit “also” bears witness to us? Who else has done so?
- (b) Why does our author quote again from Jeremiah 31 (cf. 8:8-12)? In other words, why do these truths need repeating, and what purpose do they serve in these verses as our author wraps up his theological argument?
- (c) How do the blessings of the New Covenant (10:15-18) overcome the weaknesses of the Old Covenant (10:1-4)?
- (d) Read (or skim) Hebrews 5:1-10:18 and summarize the main idea in one sentence.

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 10:11-18.** How do these verses enable, empower, and fuel your worship (i.e. your drawing near to God), both individual and corporate?
- (b) How does the fact that “there is no longer any offering for sin” help you to fight your own sin?
- (c) Re-read Hebrews 10:1-18 with the purpose of answering this question: “How would I present the gospel to someone using only these verses?”
- (d) How do these verses help you, and anyone who asks you, to gain a deeper assurance of your salvation?

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*A Single, Sufficient Sacrifice*

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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).