

HEBREWS 1

Hebrews is a very interesting book obviously written before the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In Hebrews chapter 10 verse 11 and in chapter 13 verses 10 and 11, we see the mention of the temple. These both are not explicit, but certainly point to there still being a temple when they were written.

The person who penned the book of Hebrews is also something we must guess at. Some believe Apollos, others believe Barnabus, others believe Priscilla, someone else believed Phillip. The list goes on and on about the speculations of who was the penman. My own personal belief is that it was Paul. There are too many expressions that Paul used that are in the book for there to be any doubt in my mind.

I believe that Paul was trying to convey to his Hebrew brothers and sisters that they should rely on Jesus alone as their perfect sacrifice, and that it was not to their advantage to go back to their Jewish customs. Jesus had opened the way to the Father when Jesus was crucified on the cross. My own personal opinion is that God let the temple in Jerusalem be destroyed to stop the sacrifice of animals. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was the perfect Sacrifice for all sin for all time. It was almost as if they did not believe in Jesus to go to the temple and sacrifice. Jesus was either the perfect sacrifice or we are all going to hell. We, as well as the Hebrews, must depend on His sacrifice on the cross to be enough for all time for everyone.

The main theme that I see in this book is Jesus Christ our High Priest forever. This is one of my favorite books and bear with me if I go into greater detail in this book.

Now let us begin in Hebrews 1:1 "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,"

God in the Scripture above means the supreme Divinity. Luke 1:55 "As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever." This is saying that God all through the ages at specific times had spoken to chosen vessels. Each encounter was different. He spoke to Moses from a burning bush. God spoke to Elijah in a still quiet voice. Many times His voice was mistaken for thunder. God can not be put in a little category and say that He has to do it any particular way. Paul himself found that God blinded him with His Light. God is God. The best thing for us to do is not to try to figure out God. Whichever way He communicates with you, just accept it. Prophets are men and women who God has given a message to. Many times their message will be one of warning of things about to happen. God sends the message by them to give the offenders a chance to repent. If they do not repent, then God sends His wrath.

Hebrews 1:2 "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by [his] Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;"

We are requested of God the Father to listen to the message His Son brings. Matthew 17:5 "While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." Even when this was written in Hebrews, it was the beginning of the last days. We know that God

does not count time the same way that we do. With Him a thousand years can be as a day and a day as a thousand years. II Peter 3:8 "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day [is] with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." You see, the time table is not the same for God and man. We see in the book of John that Jesus was creator God. John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:2 "The same was in the beginning with God. John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." The Word of God became the Son of God for His stay here on earth. John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Romans 8:17 "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together."

Hebrews 1:3 "Who being the brightness of [his] glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

John 14:9 "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou [then], Shew us the Father?" John 14:10 "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." These Scriptures leave no doubt that Jesus is the image of His Father. In fact, it is difficult to say where one ends and the other begins. I believe they are one in the Spirit. I John 5:7 "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." We see three personalities, but we can not deny that something about them is one. Perhaps, this Spirit of God that took the form of a man explains it. Their Spirit and their will were one. The flesh of Jesus sets Him aside from the others while He is on the earth. Colossians 2:9 "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." The word brightness in the 3rd verse above means to shine forth from. Express image in verse 3 means exact copy. Upholding means be in verse 3. Word in verse 3 is the spoken Word. Power is the word dunamis that the word dynamite came from. This power then is explosive power. Purged has to do with total purification. This is saying that Jesus did it all for us and went and sat down at the Father's right side. He sat down, because He finished the job. In fact, it was finished when Jesus made that statement from the cross [it is finished]. No one or nothing else purchased our salvation for us, Jesus did it all. This brightness of His glory is speaking of Jesus who is the Light of the world. God is spoken of as Father of lights in James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

Hebrews 1:4 "Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they."

Angels are created beings and Jesus is Creator God. There can be no comparison. The Creator is always greater than the thing He creates. Ephesians 1:20 "Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set [him] at his own right hand in the heavenly [places]," Ephesians 1:21 "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and

dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:" Ephesians 1:22 "And hath put all [things] under his feet, and gave him [to be] the head over all [things] to the church," We know that there is no greater than Jesus. God the Father, on several occasions, called Jesus His only begotten Son. We have discussed in the four gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John how the Holy Spirit of God hovered over Mary and she conceived of the Holy Spirit of God. The Baby within her was the Spirit of God. We will see in the next few Scriptures that everyone everywhere must bow to Jesus. Philippians 2:9 "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:" Philippians 2:10 "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth;" Philippians 2:11 "And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father." We see from this that all the angels shall bow to Jesus. Lucifer [the devil] and all of the demons [who are the fallen angels] have to bow to that name. That is the reason we have power over the devil and his angels. Jesus has given us permission to use His name. It is the name of Jesus that has the power.

Hebrews 1:5 "For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?"

The angels are not sons of God. That lets us know that Jesus and Lucifer were not brothers. I say again the angels [including Lucifer] were created beings and Jesus Is Creator God. Acts 13:33 "God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee." Matthew 16:16 "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Notice Jesus is [the] Son not [a] son. When you specifically use the it means only one.

Hebrews 1 Questions

1. Hebrews was obviously written before what event?
2. Name several people that were thought to be the penman of Hebrews.
3. Who does the author believe the penman to be?
4. What message was the penman trying to convey to the Hebrew people?
5. When was the way opened to the Father for the believers?
6. If Jesus is not the perfect sacrifice, what is the fate of all humanity?
7. What is the main theme of Hebrews?
8. In times past, who did God speak to the people through?
9. In verse 1, what does the word God mean?
10. From what did God speak to Moses?
11. How did God speak to Elijah?
12. What was the peculiar happening when Paul met Jesus?
13. Many times the voice of God was mistaken for what?
14. Who are prophets?
15. What kind of message does a prophet bring most times?
16. In verse 2 God changed the way He sent His message, who did He send it by?
17. What request did God the Father make in Matthew 17-5?
18. What are we told to not be ignorant of in 1 Peter 3-8?
19. In what book of the Bible do we read that Jesus was Creator God?
20. John 1-14 says the Word was made what?
21. What does Romans 8-17 tell us we will share with Jesus?
22. What does express image mean?
23. How are Jesus, Holy Spirit, and the Father one?
24. What is Jesus called in 1 John 5-7?
25. Colossians 2-9 tells us that what fullness dwells in Jesus?
26. What does brightness in verse 3 mean?
27. What does upholding in verse 3 mean?
28. Power comes from what root word in verse 3?
29. What root word does the word dynamite come from?
30. When was Jesus' work finished?
31. Where is Jesus now?
32. This brightness of His glory is speaking of whom?
33. Hebrews 1-4 says Jesus is better than whom?
34. What makes Jesus higher than the angels?
35. Who must bow to Jesus?
36. How do the Christians have power over the devil and his demons?
37. How do we know that Jesus and Lucifer were not brothers?
38. Notice Jesus is _____ Son of God not _____ son of God.

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 1:6 "And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him."

I Peter 3:22 "Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him." This Scripture in Peter and the one in Hebrews above show that Jesus is greater than the angels. The angels, are in fact, under His control. I will quote a Scripture in Revelation that will show that Jesus is above all in heaven and is the only one worthy to even open the book. Revelation 5:9 "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;" Revelation 5:10 "And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." Revelation 5:11 "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;" Revelation 5:12 "Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." We see from all this that there is no greater in heaven or earth than Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hebrews 1:7 "And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire."

Many times we see the angels of the Lord appear in fire of one kind or the other. The best example of this that I can think of was when the chariot of fire came and escorted Elijah to heaven when he went up in the whirlwind. II Kings 2:11 "And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, [there appeared] a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." Elisha was promised that if he could see this great happening, he would get a double portion of the blessings God had given Elijah, and he did. Let us see in this next verse just what happened on another occasion pertaining to angels and fire. II Kings 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain [was] full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." This was an army God had sent to help Elisha. Elisha knew they were there, but the young man with him had not seen them until Elisha asked for him to be able to see. We have friends that sing a song about having a band of angels camped all around you to help you if you are a Christian. This is the same thing that is here in Kings.

Angels are ministering spirits. The fallen angels who followed Lucifer out of heaven are now called devil spirits, and they are commonly called demons. They minister evil and not good. The angels who did not fall are ministering only good to the Christians. We read the purpose of angels in this next verse. Hebrews 1:14 'Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

Hebrews 1:8 "But unto the Son [he saith], Thy throne, O God, [is] for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness [is] the sceptre of thy kingdom."

We see in this Scripture above that God the Father called Jesus, God. I have chosen 2 Scriptures from Isaiah to show the greatness of Jesus. Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:7 "Of the increase of [his] government and peace [there shall be] no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." Jesus {the Word of God} earned the right to be all these wonderful things. He paid for the privilege on the cross of Calvary.

Hebrews 1:9 "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, [even] thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

God can not look upon sin, He will burn it up. Even in the Tabernacle in the wilderness, There was a cup of silver under the legs that held the Ark of the Covenant, when they set it up. Silver is symbolic of redemption. This caused redemption to be between Almighty God and the sinful world even in the wilderness. We Christians do not have any righteousness in our own right. The only righteousness that we have is the righteousness of Christ. He paid for our sin, so that we might partake of His righteousness. Jesus brought righteousness to whosoever will accept Him as Saviour.

Hebrews 1:10 "And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:"

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:2 "The same was in the beginning with God." John 1:3 "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." Jesus was Creator God. The Scriptures above leave no doubt. I have said this before, but Jesus seems to be the doer part of the Godhead. The 2 powers in this world are the spoken Word and the written Word, and Jesus is both.

Hebrews 1:11 "They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;" Hebrews 1:12 "And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail."

We know that The Word of God [Jesus] is the everlasting one. He has no end and no beginning. Revelation 1:8 " I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:17 "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:" All of these Scriptures are stating that Jesus [the Word] is eternal. I Timothy 1:17 "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, [be] honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." You see the earth that we know will pass away. It was created by the Word of God, so we know it had a beginning and we know that it will pass away and be replaced with a new heaven and earth. Luke 21:33 "Heaven and

earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." Revelation 21:1 "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." We can easily see that nothing or no one except God the Father, God the Word, and God the Holy Spirit are eternal.

Hebrews 1:13 "But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?" Hebrews 1:14 "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

We can easily find examples of angels appearing to men and women here on the earth. Sometimes they are dispatched of God to protect us. Some times they bring an important message from God. A good instance of them bringing a message of warning is when the angels warned Lot and his family to get out of Sodom and Gomorrah, before God destroyed it. Several people were brought a message of the upcoming birth of a child. Mary the mother of Jesus was one, the parents of John the Baptist were two more. We read earlier of God sending an army of angels to fight for the saints, we also know that God placed angels at the entrance to the garden of Eden to stop Adam and Eve from entering.

I have a personal belief about Gabriel and Michael. I can not prove this by the Bible, but it is just something that I believe. Gabriel seems to me to be the angel that God the Father uses, and Michael seems to be Jesus' helper.

There is only one time mentioned in the Bible when Jesus was standing at the right hand of the Father. It was when Stephen was stoned to death. I believe He stood to receive Stephen into heaven. There are many Scriptures where Jesus is sitting at the Father's right hand, because He has finished His work to redeem us. I will quote a few here. Hebrews 10:12 "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;" I Peter 3:22 "Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him." In the little book [THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD] I go into great detail that Jesus not only sits at the right hand of God, but is in fact the right hand of God, as well.

Hebrews 2 Questions

1. Who were the angels of God to worship?
2. In 1 Peter 3-22, who are subject to Jesus?
3. Who is the only one worthy to open the book in heaven?
4. In Revelation 5-12, the Lamb is worthy to receive what?
5. What are angels?
6. Name a time when the angels were associated with fire.
7. What would Elisha receive, if he saw Elijah rise to heaven?
8. What are the angels now who followed Lucifer out of heaven?
9. What is the purpose God has for angels?
10. What does Father God call Jesus in Hebrews 1-8?
11. Jesus is called by what names in Isaiah 9-6?
12. What is silver symbolic of?
13. Where does the Christian get his righteousness?
14. Who laid the foundation of the earth?
15. Who is the Word of God?
16. What are the 2 great powers in the world?
17. Give several names that show the eternity of Jesus?
18. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my _____ shall not pass away.
19. What is unusual about the new heaven and earth?
20. In Hebrews 1-13, Jesus is to sit on the right hand of the Father until when?
21. What are some of the jobs God has for angels to do mentioned in the Bible?
22. Who does the author believe Gabriel and Michael are?
23. When is the only time Jesus was mentioned standing at the right hand of God?
24. Besides sitting on the right hand of God, what is Jesus?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 2:1 "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let [them] slip."

It appears to me, from the Scripture above, that Paul is trying to tell us the importance of learning God's ways and then living the life God would have for us. We must not only be saved, but walk in that salvation. These Scriptures from Proverbs tell us the best. Proverbs 2:1 "My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;" Proverbs 2:2 "So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, [and] apply thine heart to understanding;" Proverbs 2:3 "Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, [and] liftest up thy voice for understanding;" Proverbs 2:4 "If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as [for] hid treasures;" Proverbs 2:5 "Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God." Proverbs 2:6 "For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth [cometh] knowledge and understanding." In our society today it seems as if the standards God gave us in the Bible are being totally ignored. Men are doing whatever is right in their own sight. This society is interested in fulfilling the lust of the flesh. The only solution to the problems we face is a return to God and His ways.

Hebrews 2:2 "For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;" Hebrews 2:3 "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard [him];"

The angels who followed Lucifer sinned in full knowledge. They were in the very presence of God and still decided to go against God and follow Lucifer. Isaiah 14:12 "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" Revelation 12:4 "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." It is much worse to sin in full knowledge than it is to sin unknowingly. These fallen angels [devil spirits] recognized Jesus, because they had been in heaven with Him. When they came into contact with Jesus, they would ask Him if He had come to torment them before time. Matthew 8:29 " And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" They know that their fate is to burn in the lake of fire. Revelation 20:10 "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet [are], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

I Corinthians 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." You see from this that it is possible for us to fall. Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." There are only 2 ways to go. One way [belief in Jesus] leads to heaven. To reject Jesus as your Saviour brings damnation. Believeth means to continually believe. You must not put off salvation. To put off salvation is to reject it for right

now. There may not be tomorrow. I Thessalonians 5:3 "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." There is a great falling away of even the Christians, what in the world will happen to them who do not believe? I Peter 4:17 "For the time [is come] that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if [it] first [begin] at us, what shall the end [be] of them that obey not the gospel of God?" I Peter 4:18 "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

Hebrews 2:4 "God also bearing [them] witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?"

Just as God gave Moses the power to do miracles before the pharaoh, He gave the disciples power to perform miracles before the people. We read that Jesus did so many miracles that if they were all written down there would not be enough books in the whole world to hold them all. John 21:25 "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen." No one but God could bring sight to a man who had been blind from birth. Everyone should have believed who saw these fantastic miracles of God, but they did not. Jesus told them if they did not believe for any other reason to believe Him for the works. John 10:37 "If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not." John 10:38 "But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father [is] in me, and I in him." Notice, in verse 4 above, that all of the miracles are according to God's will. Paul found this to be true when he prayed three times for God to remove the thorn in his flesh, and God said no. Signs and wonders will still follow those who believe. The difference in Jesus and us is that we must do these miracles in Jesus' name. Read the 14th chapter of John beginning with the 12th verse. I will give just two verses here. John 14:12 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." John 14:13 "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." Notice in verse 12 who can do this, [he that believeth].

Hebrews 2:5 "For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak."

Revelation 11:15 "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." Revelation 20:6 "Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." We can all clearly see that the angels will not rule. Jesus will be the supreme ruler and His followers [Christians] will rule with Him as His subordinates.

Hebrews 2:6 "But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

This son of man is not Jesus. If this were speaking of Jesus, Son would be capitalized. Another reason we know this is not speaking of Jesus is that

Jesus here is the one visiting the son of man. In our church services I love to sing the song [WHO AM I]. In this song it says who am I that a King would bleed and die for? It also says who am I that He would pray "not my will thine for"? The answer I may never know; why He ever loved me so. If we stop and really think about this, it is almost unbelievable. Why would God the Father be willing to sacrifice His only begotten Son so that someone as unworthy as I am might live? It is a big question isn't it? I John 4:10 "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins." Propitiation means atonement.

Hebrews 2:7 "Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:"

When Jesus came to the earth, He took on the form of flesh that He might be tempted in all the ways we are. He took on the flesh of man that He might relate to us better. John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Hebrews 4:15 "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin." Jesus was tempted in all things when Satan tempted Him 40 days and nights while Jesus was fasting. Jesus did not succumb to the temptation, but withstood the devil. He also tells us, if we will withstand the devil, he will flee from us. James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Hebrews 2:8 "Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing [that is] not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him."

Matthew 28:18 "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." We know this was true even when Jesus walked the earth in His house of flesh. When He told the sea to quiet down and it did, the disciples were amazed that even the sea had to obey Him. He spoke to unclean spirits and they had to leave. Even the 2000 devil spirits asked permission of Jesus to go into the hogs that ran violently into the sea. He had to give permission for them to go, because they were subject to Him. We could go on and on about how three times he told the spirit to go back into someone assumed dead. Jesus is the God of the living and the dead. Revelation 5:13 "And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, [be] unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

To sum up this lesson, we would have to say that Jesus Christ our Lord is also King of kings and Lord of lords. That the real power and authority is the Word of God [spoken and written]. We must truly accept the spoken and written Word as absolute Truth and continue in the teaching of both to the end.

Hebrews 3 Questions

1. In verse 1, why are we told that we should take earnest heed to the things we have heard?
2. After we learn God's ways, what is the next step we must take?
3. In Proverbs 2-4, we are told that we should search for the truths of God as one would look for what?
4. Who giveth wisdom?
5. What is the mistake being made in our society today?
6. What is the only solution to our problems?
7. What is the most important question asked in Hebrews 2-3?
8. Why can the angels who followed Lucifer not be forgiven?
9. What portion of the angels in heaven followed Lucifer?
10. What are these fallen angels referred to on the earth?
11. Why did they recognize Jesus when He cast them out of people?
12. What is the terrible fate awaiting the devil, and the beast, and the false prophet?
13. What warning is given to those who think they are standing?
14. What does this tell us is possible?
15. Mark 16-16 tells us who will be saved, who are they?
16. What does believeth mean?
17. To reject Jesus as our Saviour brings what?
18. Where does judgment begin?
19. How did God bear witness that what they were teaching was the Truth?
20. We could say that miracles are according to whose will?
21. Name 2 other people God gave miracle ability to, besides Jesus.
22. How many miracles did Jesus do?
23. Does God always do a miracle when we pray?
24. Give one example when God said no.
25. In whose name do we do miracles ?
26. How long shall the saints reign with Christ on the earth?
27. How do we know that son of man is not Jesus in Hebrews 2-6?
28. What question do most Christians ask themselves about God giving His Son to save us?
29. Why can Jesus know the temptations and hurts that we feel, if He was God the Son?
30. Hebrews 2-8 says that all things are subject to Jesus, name 3 different things that happened when He was on earth that let us know this is true.
31. Who is Jesus God of?
32. How can we sum this lesson up?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 2:9 "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

We must notice in the Scripture above, that, Jesus was made a little lower than the angels, He was not lower at all, but took on this state of being lower for His stay on the earth. The death of the cross, that Jesus died was in payment for us, so, that we would not have to die this way to pay for our sins. Philippians 2:7 "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:" Philippians 2:8 "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Philippians 2:9 "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:" We should see in this, that we have done nothing to deserve to be saved. It is a gift of grace. This is a free gift of God, all we do is accept it.

Hebrews 2:10 "For it became him, for whom [are] all things, and by whom [are] all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

Luke 24:26 "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?" Luke 24:46 "And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:" The suffering that Christ did was not because He deserved to suffer, but because we deserved to suffer. He was our substitute. He suffered in our place. We are His creation and He bought us back out of sin. There is a penalty for sin, but Jesus paid our penalty for us that we might be judged not guilty of sin. If we suffer with Christ for the cause of Christianity, then we shall reign with Him, as we read in Romans 8:17 "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together." A Christian is a follower of Christ. If our leader suffered, so will we. I Thessalonians 3:4 "For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know."

Hebrews 2:11 "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified [are] all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,"

Matthew 12:48 "But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?" Matthew 12:49 "And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!" Matthew 12:50 "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." Sanctifieth above means to make holy. We who are sanctified are set aside for God's purpose. He made us holy in God's sight. We Christians are covered in the blood of Jesus. When God the Father looks at us, He sees the blood of His Son. We are righteous because we have been washed in the blood of the Lamb [Jesus Christ].

Hebrews 2:12 "Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee."

Psalms 22:22 "I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee." We see here, the same Scripture in the Old Testament as we see in the New Testament. We see from both of these Scriptures how important it is to praise God in the church. It, also, is very important to open our mouth and confess Jesus. Matthew 10:32 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." You can see how important it is to confess Jesus here on earth.

Hebrews 2:13 "And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me."

John 10:29 "My Father, which gave [them] me, is greater than all; and no [man] is able to pluck [them] out of my Father's hand." John 17:6 "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word." Men in this Scripture means the face of humans. Manifested means made real. The Father gave them to the Son, because He paid for them with His blood. John 17:7 "Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee." John 17:8 "For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received [them], and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me." Jesus said over and over that His message was also the message of the Father. John 14:10 "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."

Hebrews 2:14 "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;"

John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." To be able to fully understand His followers, Jesus took on flesh that He could be tempted in all points that His followers are. Hebrews 4:15 "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin." I Corinthians 15:54 "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." Jesus defeated Satan on the cross. Jesus endured the cross to bring us life. I Corinthians 15:45 "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit." Adam brought death to all mankind, Jesus brought us life everlasting.

Hebrews 2:15 "And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

Romans 8:15 "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." In our time there is so much danger of nuclear war that many people live in constant fear. In the 14th chapter of John, we are told not to fear. The only assurance that we have is in our Saviour Jesus Christ. It is a natural thing to fear death, if you are not saved, because hell awaits that person. We Christians have hope of the resurrection in Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 2:16 "For verily he took not on [him the nature of] angels; but he took on [him] the seed of Abraham."

Galatians 3:16 "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." Galatians 3:29 "And if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Just as we had been studying, Jesus took on the form of flesh and dwelt among us. The purpose of His taking on flesh was that He could overcome the flesh nature for us. He was the only person who ever lived completely without sin.

Hebrews 2:17 "Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto [his] brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things [pertaining] to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

II Corinthians 5:21 "For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." I John 2:1 "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:" Jesus is at the throne of God praying for us continually. He is our great High Priest. John 17:9 "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine." Jesus understands our problems and has given us permission to use His name to pray to the Father. John 14:13 "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

Hebrews 2:18 "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted."

I Corinthians 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it]." Jesus is our way of escape. It is a wonderful comfort to know that temptations that come can be overcome through the name of Jesus. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Hebrews 4 Questions

1. In Hebrews ch.2 v.9, who was Jesus made a little lower than?
2. Why was Jesus made lower?
3. "But made himself of no _____".
4. Jesus was made in the likeness of whom for His stay on earth?
5. Jesus was obedient to _____.
6. Who has exalted Jesus above every name?
7. What is Jesus called in Hebrews ch.2 v.10?
8. The suffering Jesus Christ suffered was not because He deserved to suffer, but why?
9. In Romans ch.8 v.17, we Christians are called what?
10. What is the if, attached to this?
11. What unpopular statement is made in 1 Thessalonians ch.3 v.4?
12. Why is Jesus not ashamed to call us His brethren?
13. In the 12th chapter of Matthew, we find out who Jesus' brothers and sisters are, who are they?
14. What does sanctifieth mean?
15. We who are sanctified are what?
16. When Father God looks at a Christian, what does He see?
17. What makes the Christian righteous?
18. What Scripture in Psalms is the same as the one in Hebrews ch.2 v. 12?
19. Why is it so important to confess Jesus here on the earth?
20. Who is able to pluck us out of the Father's hand?
21. Men, in John chapter 10 v.29, means what?
22. What does manifested mean?
23. Where did Jesus tell the people that His message came from?
24. Why did Jesus take on the form of flesh?
25. Where, in John, do we read about Jesus taking on the form of flesh?
26. In Hebrews ch.4 v.15, what is Jesus called?
27. Where did Jesus defeat Satan?
28. The first Adam was made a living soul, the second Adam was made what?
29. Why were we under bondage until Jesus came to save us?
30. What is the name that only believers can use for God?
31. We Christians have hope of the _____ in Jesus.
32. Quote Galatians ch.3 v.29.
33. Jesus reconciled _____ to _____.
34. In 1 John ch.2 v.1 Jesus is called what?
35. Who does Jesus pray for?
36. Jesus said that whatever we ask in His name, He would do it, why?
37. What consolation can the Christian have when he or she is tempted?
38. Resist the devil and he will _____.

Hebrews 3:1 "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;"

This is directed to the believers in Jesus Christ. In fact, this is directed to those who have made Jesus their Lord, as well as their Saviour. Jesus is the great High Priest of all believers. He intercedes for us continually before the Father. Let us consider these followers of Jesus in the following verses. II Peter 1:3 "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:" II Peter 1:4 "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." II Peter 1:5 "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;" II Peter 1:6 "And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;" II Peter 1:7 "And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." II Peter 1:8 "For if these things be in you, and abound, they make [you that ye shall] neither [be] barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." II Peter 1:9 "But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." We can easily see that there is a lot to being the called of God. God expects our life to be so different from the life the people of the world live,⁰ that we will be called peculiar people.

Hebrews 3:2 "Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses [was faithful] in all his house."

Numbers 12:7 "My servant Moses [is] not so, who [is] faithful in all mine house." We see an almost identical Scripture in Numbers here. We know if we were looking at types and shadows, we would be able to say that Moses was a type of Christ. Moses led his people out of bondage - Jesus led his people out of bondage. Mighty signs and wonders followed Moses - even mightier signs and wonders followed Jesus. We do not want to belabor this point, but, the Father sent them both on a mission. The difference in the two {possibly the smallest difference} is that Jesus was the real Deliverer and Moses was His shadow. The last statement on this that I will make now, is that Moses was leading his people to their promised land - Jesus is leading us to our eternal promised land.

Hebrews 3:3 "For this [man] was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house."

As we said above, Jesus is the real thing, Moses is His shadow. Jesus Christ was the Creator of all the world and everything in it. Moses, as great as he was, was still Jesus' creation. Zechariah 6:12 "And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name [is] The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:" Zechariah 6:13 "Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of

peace shall be between them both." From the foundation of the world, Jesus was the Builder.

Hebrews 3:4 "For every house is builded by some [man]; but he that built all things [is] God."

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:2 "The same was in the beginning with God." John 1:3 "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." These Scriptures in John, which we have used over and over in this series of lessons, leave no doubt at all who built everything. Jesus Christ was the Word of God in heaven, as we read in verse 14 above. We, also, read above that the Word made everything. In the first chapter of Genesis, we read that even the heavens were created by God. Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Now go back and look at Hebrews ch.3 v.4 and you will see the full impact of what it is saying. I will show just one more Scripture and then go on. Hebrews 1:2 "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by [his] Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;"

Hebrews 3:5 "And Moses verily [was] faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;" Hebrews 3:6 "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

I Corinthians 6:19 "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" II Corinthians 6:16 "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." We see above, that the salvation that Moses brought was for the body here on this earth. His salvation for the people was a shadow of the great salvation to come. Just as the first Adam was a man of the flesh and the second Adam [Jesus Christ] was Spirit; we see these 2 salvations were flesh and spirit. Let's look at one more Scripture that should really clear this up for us. Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." This leaves no doubt that we Christians are Christ's abode here on the earth. Realizing this, how could we continue in sin?

Hebrews 3:7 "Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice," Hebrews 3:8 "Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:" Hebrews 3:9 "When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years." Hebrews 3:10 "Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in [their] heart; and they have not known my ways."

The Holy Ghost is saying, Learn from their mistakes. Whatever you do, do not harden your heart to God. God was grieved with that generation, because in spite of all the miracles He did, they still did not have faith in Him. Faith in God, pleases Him more than anything else. We read at one

point where God was so disappointed in man that He wished He had not made them. Genesis 6:6 "And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."

Our generation is doing the very same thing. Few people really are searching for God. Sin is rampant in our society. Movies are one of the downfalls of our people. Rock music has ruined our young people. Adultery is even laughed at now. The moral structure of our society is crumbling. Drugs and alcohol are what our society is doing to hide from the reality that we are out of fellowship with God. If we do not change our ways, I believe God will turn His back on us. We are in the last days before the return of Jesus Christ. I will give a few Scriptures that show beyond a shadow of a doubt that we are in the last days. II Timothy 3:1 "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." II Timothy 3:2 "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy," II Timothy 3:3 "Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good," II Timothy 3:4 "Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;" II Timothy 3:5 "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." This leaves no doubt of not only what time we are living in but, also, what we must do. We must separate ourselves from this type of life. One more Scripture and we will have this complete. II Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

God is a God of individuals. You do not have to follow the crowd. Repent and live for God. Live your faith in Jesus Christ every day. Be a separated people for Christ.

Hebrews 5 Questions

1. Who is the Apostle spoken of in verse 1?
2. Who are the holy brethren addressed in verse 1?
3. What 2 things has Jesus called us to, in verse 3 of 2 Peter chapter 1?
4. Of whose nature can the Christians partake?
5. The corruption is in the world through what?
6. Name some of the virtues the Christian should have.
7. Who, from the Old Testament, was faithful in all his house, except Abraham?
8. Who, like Christ, delivered his people out of bondage?
9. Who is a type of shadow of Christ in this lesson?
10. Name at least 3 things in Moses' ministry that reminds us of Jesus ministry.
11. In Hebrews chapter 3 verse 3, who is the Man spoken of?
12. Jesus is the _____ thing, Moses is His _____.
13. In Zechariah chapter 6 verse 12, what name is Jesus called?
14. Every house is builded by some man, but He that built all things is _____.
15. What name was Jesus called in John chapter 1 verse 1?
16. Who made all things?
17. What was Jesus' name in heaven?
18. What is the temple of the Holy Ghost?
19. What was the difference in the salvation that Moses brought and the salvation that Jesus provided?
20. What Scripture, in Galatians, tells us that Christ lives in us, if we are a Christian?
21. What does God tell us not to do in Hebrews chapter 3 verse 8?
22. How many years did God show His greatness to the Israelites on their way to the promised land?
23. In Genesis chapter 6 verse 6, what did God repent of?
24. What do you personally think is the downfall of our present society?
25. What would you personally suggest that we should do to change all of this?

We were reading in the last lesson How God was angered with the Israelites when they were crossing over to the promised land, because, when He performed mighty miracles, they did not believe and live for Him. We related that to the problems in our society today. We will pick up the lesson here in Hebrews 3:11 "So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)"

Not only for the people then, but for the Christians now, there is a Sabbath of rest. Many call this Sabbath of rest for the Christian, the millennium reign of Christ. Notice in this next verse, there is a Sabbath for believers. Hebrews 4:3 "For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world." Revelation 20:6 "Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." I believe this 1000 year rest for the Christian will occur at the end of 6000 years of labor on the earth. In fact, I believe we are very near that time now. It has been just under 6000 years since Adam and Eve. God set everything up on this earth for 6 days of work and one day of rest. It really does not matter whether that day is 24 hours long or 1000 years long. God does not measure time the same way we do. With Him 1000 years can be a day. II Peter 3:8 "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day [is] with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." From this, it is very possible, in fact, probable, that this 1000 years in Revelation is that day of rest for the Christians.

Hebrews 3:12 "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."

Mark 7:21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders," Mark 7:22 "Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:" Mark 7:23 "All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." We are born in sin, and all our life long the lust of the flesh tries to draw us away from God. When we become a Christian, we become a new creature in Christ. The desire of our heart should be to please God. We may sin sometime or other and quickly repent, but it must not be the desire of our heart to sin. We must not have a sinful way of life. God will judge our heart. I personally believe that the heart is the book of our life that will be opened and judged in heaven.

Hebrews 3:13 "But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

II Timothy 4:2 "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." John 9:4 "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." We are warned over and over in the Bible to make use of today, because we have no idea whether there will even be a tomorrow or not. Do not put off salvation, this might be your last opportunity. When Jesus returns we are to be working trying to get one more into the kingdom.

Hebrews 3:14 "For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;"

Jesus' salvation is offered to everyone, but only those who take it, have it. Notice from this verse above, that we are not only to receive it, but to hold fast to it. This is what I call walking in the salvation the Lord has given us. It really is a daily struggle. Even Paul, said that at times his flesh got in the way. Romans 7:19 "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do." Romans 7:20 "Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." This does not mean that Paul was a sinful man; it just means that once in a while his flesh {for a moment} would overcome his spirit. Paul lived as good as anyone could. He said, at the end that he had run the good race and had a crown of glory awaiting him. Paul had no desire in his heart to sin. If we are a Christian, that should be the way we live, too. We should [all the time] desire to live a pleasing life to God. Galatians 3:27 "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Christ is in us and we are in Him, if we are Christians. We are grafted in to the Tree of Life which is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hebrews 3:15 "While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation."

Galatians 3:11 "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, [it is] evident: for, The just shall live by faith." Provocation in this particular passage means irritation. Do not get irritated with God. Many times when someone very close to you dies, you first get irritated at the one who died, and then wind up getting irritated with God about the death. For the natural man, this is a normal thing to do. This is not a good thing for a Christian to do. God loves us and has our best interest at heart. He did not take your loved one to get even with you. Don't turn against God when you need Him the most. He is our Comfort. If there is ever a time to be irritated with anyone, we should be irritated with our own short-comings.

Hebrews 3:16 "For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses." Hebrews 3:17 "But with whom was he grieved forty years? [was it] not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?"

We should learn a lesson from these Israelites. Every time a little hardship arose they blamed God. They angered God many times during the forty years they traveled through the wilderness. The trip could have easily been made in less than 6 months, but they sinned over and over and God caused them to wander until all of those who had doubted that they could take the land had died off. God forgave them over and over, just like He does us, but there was a day of reckoning and there will be one for us too. Some day, God will say that is enough. God is a forgiving God, but He is also a God of Judgment. I Corinthians 10:1 "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;" I Corinthians 10:2 "And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;" I Corinthians 10:3 "And did all eat the same spiritual meat;" I Corinthians 10:4 "And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." I Corinthians 10:5 "But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness." I Corinthians

10:6 "Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted." I Corinthians 10:7 "Neither be ye idolaters, as [were] some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." I Corinthians 10:8 "Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand." I Corinthians 10:9 "Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents." I Corinthians 10:10 "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer." I Corinthians 10:11 "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

We see a strong warning in this that we are forewarned. These examples of how they failed, should help us not make these same mistakes. Look now at the hope in Jesus. I Corinthians 10:12 " Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." I Corinthians 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it]." God will help us, if we will let Him. Stay in the will of the Lord and you cannot fail.

Hebrews 3:18 "And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?"

The ticket into heaven, and into the thousand year Sabbath of rest, is faith in Jesus Christ. Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Hebrews 3:19 "So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."

Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." This is just about as clear as it could be made, those who do not have faith in Jesus Christ will wind up in hell. To be saved, we must believe in our heart and confess with our mouth. One more time I will give my favorite Scripture on this. Romans 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Hebrews 6 Questions

1. What did God swear in His wrath about these unbelievers?
2. What do many people call the Sabbath of rest for the Christians?
3. Blessed and holy is he that takes part in what?
4. How many years has it been since the time of Adam and Eve?
5. One day with God can be as a _____ years.
6. In Hebrews chapter 3 verse 12, what is the one word that makes the heart evil?
7. Where do evil thoughts originate?
8. What defiles the man?
9. When we are born again, what happens to us?
10. What is God going to judge?
11. How often are we to exhort one another?
12. How does our heart get hardened?
13. In 2 Timothy chapter 3 verse 13, we are instructed to do what?
14. The night cometh when no man can _____.
15. What are we to be doing when the Lord comes back?
16. Jesus' salvation is offered to whom?
17. What must we do to have it?
18. As many of you as have been baptized, have done what?
19. What are we warned not to do in Hebrews chapter 3 verse 15?
20. The just shall live by _____.
21. If we are to be irritated with someone, who should it be?
22. Who was God grieved with forty years?
23. God is a forgiving God, but He is also a God of _____.
24. How were the Israelites baptized on the way to the promised land?
25. Who was the spiritual Rock?
26. How many who had committed fornication died in one day?
27. Why did these things happen to these Israelites?
28. When temptation of great magnitude comes, what will God do for us?
29. Who will not enter into His rest?
30. What is the ticket into heaven?
31. So we see that they could not enter in, because of _____.
32. He that believeth not shall be _____.

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 4:1 "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left [us] of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it."

We will see in many Scriptures throughout the Bible that it is possible for a person to have walked with God, and then turned their back on God and missed heaven. The best example is, of course, Judas Iscariot. One of the best explained Scriptures of a person missing the promised land because of backsliding is: Numbers 14:34 "After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, [even] forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, [even] forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise." Numbers 32:13 "And the LORD'S anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed." The promised land of God is not for the sinful man, whether it be the Holy land promised to the descendents of Abraham in the flesh, or whether it be his descendents in the spirit, {Christians}.

The thing that concerns me in our society today, is that too many people believe that just the fact that they were baptized will get them to heaven. They are really not living in the will of God. They act as if they have purchased their {fire insurance} and they will go ahead and live just like all of the other people in the world. They believe that they are safe, because they have made that one time confession of faith. Salvation is a day to day walk. We will either grow stronger in the Lord each day, or we will return to sin. This next few Scriptures in Jesus' own words tell it all. Matthew 7:21 "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 7:22 "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?" Matthew 7:23 "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." When Jesus comes back for His bride, He is coming for those who continue to walk faithfully. Notice in this next Scripture that all ten of these women were virgins {Christians}. They were wearing the name of Christian, but they did not stay prepared, in other words, they backslid. Matthew 25:1 "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom." Matthew 25:2 "And five of them were wise, and five [were] foolish." Matthew 25:3 "They that [were] foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:" Matthew 25:4 "But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." Matthew 25:5 "While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept." Matthew 25:6 "And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Matthew 25:7 "Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps." Matthew 25:8 "And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out." Matthew 25:9 "But the wise answered, saying, [Not so]; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves." Matthew 25:10 "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut." Matthew 25:11 "Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us." Matthew 25:12 "But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not." This leaves absolutely no doubt that our walk with God is every day until He returns.

Hebrews 4:2 "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard [it]."

I truly believe, that all who are the true ministers of God desire, more than they desire life itself, to see everyone saved. I Corinthians 1:21 "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." There are two things that happen when we preach. Some, who hear the Word of God, receive it unto salvation: others do not receive it and are damned. We see in the next few verses that God sent the message first to His chosen family. When they refused it, then God sent it to the unbelieving world that all who would receive His message might live. II Thessalonians 2:12 "That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." II Thessalonians 2:13 "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:"

Hebrews 4:3 "For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world."

As we have discussed many times in these lessons, I believe this rest spoken of here is the thousand year Sabbath of rest, when Jesus and His followers will reign in peace for one thousand years. Revelation 20:4 "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." We see in this next Scripture that God Himself established 6 days of work and one day of rest. It really does not matter whether this day is 24 hours or one thousand years. Exodus 20:11 "For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

One of the greatest promises that Jesus made was the rest for the believer. We find this in His own words in Matthew 11:28 "Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:29 "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Hebrews 4:4 "For he spake in a certain place of the seventh [day] on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works."

The one thing, as I said before, is that God does not measure time the same way we do. This rest for the Christian is following 6000 years of work here on this earth brought on by the curse of the ground brought on Adam. It has been nearly 6000 years since that time. The 1000 year rest for the believer is about to begin. Let me show the Scripture that leaves no doubt, that with God 1000 years can be a day. II Peter 3:8 "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day [is] with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." One more time, I say that the 6 hours that Jesus spent on the cross was His 6 days of work, and then He said, IT IS FINISHED. Be ready, Jesus Christ will come back and set up this

1000 year reign in an hour when you think not. Luke 12:40 "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

Hebrews 4:5 "And in this [place] again, If they shall enter into my rest."

We can not say enough about this rest of the Lord. Work for the night cometh, when no work can be done. John 9:4 "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

Hebrews 4:6 "Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:"

Abraham believed, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. There is only one way to heaven and this rest with our Lord Jesus Christ. We must believe, not only with our mind, but in our heart, the Lord Jesus. Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." One of the best Scriptures, in all the Bible on this, is Romans 10:10 "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Matthew 21:43 "Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." Jesus came to His own in power and great glory and they did not receive Him. John 1:11 "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." We know that Jesus did every thing He could to show them who He was and they just did not believe. Their lack of belief opened the door for the Gentiles to receive salvation. Romans 11:11 "I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but [rather] through their fall salvation [is come] unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy."

Hebrews 7 Questions

1. What lesson are we to learn from Hebrews chapter 4 verse 1?
2. Who is the best example of someone walking with God and then turning against Him?
3. Where in the Scriptures, do we find a people losing their chance to enter the promised land for backsliding?
4. The promised land of God is not for whom?
5. Why did God make the doubters wander 40 years?
6. What is the thing that concerns the author in our society today?
7. What does Matthew chapter 7 verse 22 tell us about those who profess Christianity, who do not really live it?
8. Who are all 10 virgins in Matthew chapter 25 symbolic of?
9. Why were 5 of them not acceptable to Jesus?
10. Who are the {them} in Hebrews chapter 4 verse 3?
11. Why did the message given not become profitable to them?
12. The world by wisdom knew _____.
13. What are the two things that happen when we preach?
14. God hath chosen you from the beginning to salvation through what?
15. For how long have the works of salvation been done?
16. What does Revelation chapter 20 verse 4 say the Christians will be doing, during the thousand year rest?
17. Who established the 6 days of work and one day of rest?
18. What is one of the most wonderful promises Jesus made the believer, found in Matthew chapter 11?
19. What caused the people of the earth to have to work the land for a living for the last approx. 6000 years?
20. Where do we find the Scripture that a day can be as a thousand years with God?
21. When is the return of the Son of man?
22. Abraham's _____ made him righteous in the sight of God.
23. He that cometh to God must _____.
24. Without what, it is impossible to please God?
25. With the _____ man believeth unto righteousness: and with the _____ confession is made unto salvation.
26. What did the Jew do, that opened the door to the Gentile for salvation?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 4:7 "Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Those who hear the Word of God have an obligation to receive the Word. God will not always strive with man. God offered salvation to the Jew first, but when they refused to accept it, He turned from them and sent the message to the Gentiles, who readily accepted it. God deals with each of us on an individual basis. There is a time when God will say, That is enough, and will not call us any longer. We must accept salvation, the day it is offered. II Corinthians 6:2 "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now [is] the accepted time; behold, now [is] the day of salvation.)" How can we neglect so great salvation, knowing that today might be the last time it is offered to us?

Hebrews 4:8 "For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day."

This is just explaining that this day of rest offered to the believers is not for their time here in the flesh, but is a promise of things to happen in the future at the second coming of Christ. This time of rest is not for the world to experience, but for those who endure to the end, and remain faithful. Acts 14:22 "Confirming the souls of the disciples, [and] exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

Hebrews 4:9 "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."

This means that the people of God will have a time when they cease from labor. In fact all of the troubles of this sinful world will be no more for those who have chosen Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Revelation 7:14 "And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Revelation 7:15 "Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them." Revelation 7:16 "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat." Revelation 7:17 "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Hebrews 4:10 "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God [did] from his."

Revelation 14:13 "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." We know that after we are dead we can do no work for the Lord. We must do our work while we are alive, because after we are dead, it is too late. Work is for this earth, and the rewards come in heaven, as we see in Jesus' own words in the next Scripture. Revelation 22:12 "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man

according as his work shall be." The earth, and heaven, and all therein contained were created in 6 days and God rested; Jesus worked 6 hours on the cross, and now is resting, sitting at the right hand of the Father. We, also, will rest with Him at the right hand of the throne, if we continue in the faith of Jesus Christ. Revelation 3:21 "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

Hebrews 4:11 "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."

II Peter 1:10 "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:" II Peter 1:11 "For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The sad thing, sometimes, is that some who start out with Jesus do not remain steadfast. When troubles come, they falter. Trials of this world have a way of separating those who truly belong to God, from those who are just pretenders.

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Throughout the Bible, we are taught that the weapon of the Christian is their Bible {the Two-edged Sword}. Christians are in a battle between the flesh and the Spirit. You might even say, that this war is between the world and God's people. Christians make up God's army. The object of this war is the salvation of the people. We are in the last hours of battle. True Christians must put on their uniform and come forward to the front lines. Our uniform is the same one mentioned in the 6th chapter of Ephesians, except we have patches on our knees from praying. Ephesians 6:13 "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:14 "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;" Ephesians 6:15 "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;" Ephesians 6:16 "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Ephesians 6:17 "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:" Ephesians 6:18 "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" We must keep our powder dry. We must not water down the Word of God as many of the new Bibles do. Some are watered down to the extent that Jesus is no longer God. The battle is in the last hours and all good soldiers of the Lord are needed in His army now. This army must be willing to fight to the death, if necessary. There is no time left for fun and games, WE ARE AT WAR.

The heart of man is really what he is. If you have a wicked heart, then you are a wicked man, if you have a good heart you are a good man. Luke 6:45 "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."

Sometimes to be a Christian, a person has to give up family and friends. Christianity divides families sometimes. The 2 great powers in the world are the spoken and the written Word. THE POWER OF GOD IS IN HIS WORD.

Hebrews 4:13 "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things [are] naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

God knows not only what you have done, but He knows your thoughts and He knows the desires of your heart. His eyes look into the very soul of man. I Peter 3:12 "For the eyes of the Lord [are] over the righteous, and his ears [are open] unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord [is] against them that do evil."

Hebrews 4:14 "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [our] profession."

Hebrews 8:1 "Now of the things which we have spoken [this is] the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;" Hebrews 9:12 "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption [for us]." Romans 8:34 "Who [is] he that condemneth? [It is] Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." These Scriptures above tell us that Jesus Christ is the High Priest for all believers. He is our way into the holy of holies. He is constantly pleading our case to the Father. Jesus' sacrifice of His body on the cross was our payment for all time. He is our High Priest forever.

Hebrews 4:15 "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin."

Jesus Christ The Righteous [our Lord] took on flesh so that He might relate to us in our flesh. Jesus fasted 40 days and was tempted by the devil. Jesus Christ was the only one who ever lived above sin. Philippians 2:7 "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:" Philippians 2:8 "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Hebrews 4:16 "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Jesus Christ tore down the curtain separating God from mankind when He died on the cross. Matthew 27:51 "And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;" The way to the Father is provided through the name of Jesus. Jesus gave us the right to use His name. We pray to the Father in the name of Jesus. When we pray in the name of Jesus, God answers our prayers. John 14:13 "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." John 14:14 "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do [it]."

Hebrews 8 Questions

1. What is the warning given in Hebrews chapter 4 verse 7?
2. What is the obligation of those hearing the Word of God?
3. When is the acceptable time of salvation?
4. When is this day of rest for the believers?
5. We must through much _____ enter the kingdom of God.
6. These who have come out of great tribulation have done what to make them righteous?
7. Who is the Lamb?
8. Describe the problems that we had on earth, that we will have no more in heaven.
9. Work is for the earth, and what is in heaven?
10. God is going to give us according to what?
11. How long did Jesus work on the cross?
12. Who will sit with Jesus on His throne?
13. What is a sad thing about some Christians?
14. What is the Word of God called in Hebrews chapter 4 verse 12?
15. The battle that Christians are in is between whom?
16. What is the object of this war?
17. What is the difference in our uniform, and the one in Ephesians chapter 6?
18. Describe the uniform in chapter 6 of Ephesians.
19. What is meant by keeping our powder dry?
20. Why is there no time for fun and games?
21. Out of the abundance of the heart the _____.
22. The power of God is in His _____.
23. The eyes of the Lord are over the _____.
24. Who is Jesus called in Hebrews chapter 4 verse 14?
25. With what did Jesus acquire eternal redemption for us?
26. Why is Jesus able to relate to our feelings?
27. Jesus was obedient to what extent?
28. Where do we read that the veil of the temple was torn from the top to the bottom?
29. When did this occur?
30. What was the purpose of the veil being torn?
31. Quote John chapter 14 verse 14.

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 5:1 "For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things [pertaining] to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:"

We know that the high priest in the temple was the only one to go into the most holy place. He was not to go in unworthily, and he must carry the blood with him into the most holy place. This blood was not only for the people, but for his sins, as well. The high priest was the representative of the people to God. God spoke to the people through the Urim and Thumin which was behind the breastplate worn by the high priest. This was symbolic of God speaking to the people through the heart of the high priest. The people had no direct contact with God at this time, but were represented by the high priest.

Hebrews 5:2 "Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity."

The high priest was not a perfect man, but was chosen of God to represent the people. Aaron was a good example of the weakness of the high priests. He was the first high priest. Even though he was chosen of God for this job, and had actually heard the voice of God, he still built the golden calf which God had forbidden. Moses was gone to the top of the mountain to receive the 10 commandments from God. Aaron, and the people decided that he was not coming back, and they did this terrible thing. We find that Aaron's 2 oldest sons were no better than he was. God killed them for their sin. Leviticus 10:1 "And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not." Numbers 3:4 "And Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the sight of Aaron their father." Most people believe this strange fire, that they offered was that they were drunk when they made the offering. This is not in the Bible, however. Some of the other sons of high priests sinned and were killed, but we have already covered that here. It is enough to say these were not perfect men.

Hebrews 5:3 "And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins."

This Scripture should cover this fact that even the high priest was many times guilty of sin. Leviticus 4:3 "If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering."

Hebrews 5:4 "And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as [was] Aaron."

Ministry, for the priest, or for preachers today, should not be undertaken as a profession. Those who minister must be called of God. To go into the ministry without God calling you to that job, would be a sin. II Chronicles 26:18 "And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, [It

appertaineth] not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither [shall it be] for thine honour from the LORD God." This Old Testament Scripture shows, that not even a king could take it upon himself to minister in the temple, God is the only one who can ordain someone to minister. I will give one New Testament Scripture on this and then go on. John 3:27 "John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven." We see that even the Christians must be called to be God's children. I Thessalonians 2:12 "That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."

Hebrews 5:5 "So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee."

There are so many Scriptures that pertain to this, that it is difficult to choose just one or two. Jesus Christ [for His stay on earth] was the Son of God. In heaven, He is the Word of God. We know that the birth of Jesus was not a natural birth. Jesus was born of a virgin. The Holy Spirit hovered over Mary and she conceived of the Spirit of God. It was planned by the Father, Word, and Holy Ghost from the foundation of the world for Jesus to die for the sin of the people. In fact, not only did Jesus not glorify Himself, but all 3 of the Godhead glorified Him. The people were the Word's creation, so it was only proper for Him to save them. John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:2 "The same was in the beginning with God. John 1:3 "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." We can easily see from this that not only are we all, the creation of the Word of God, but that Word took on the form of flesh and dwelt among us as Jesus Christ, The Son of God. He took the name of Jesus, for His stay on the earth, because Jesus means Saviour.

Hebrews 5:6 "As he saith also in another [place], Thou [art] a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

This Melchisedec is the same as Melchizedek in the Old Testament. The name is different, because the Old and New Testaments are translated from different languages. This Melchizedek has been a mystery for thousands of years. I will give my own personal opinion and give Scriptures to back it up, but you make up your own mind who you believe He is. Genesis 14:18 "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he [was] the priest of the most high God." This Melchizedek appeared to only one man that we know of, and that man was Abraham; the father of all the believers. For us to be a spiritual son or daughter of Abraham, he would have to believe the same thing we do. If this Melchizedek is an appearance of our Lord, then he would believe the same as believers do. This Melchizedek appeared approximately 2000 years after the birth of Adam. Jesus the Christ Child appears approximately 2000 years after this happening. The King of kings and Lord of lords will appear about 2000 years after the birth of Jesus. Is this all coincidence, or is God telling us something? Abraham paid tithes to this High Priest. This High Priest served Abraham the same elements that Jesus served the disciples at the Last Supper {bread and wine}. I do not believe that it would be impossible for the Word of God to take on another name and

appear to Abraham. Melchizedek means King of Righteousness. When Abraham paid tithes to Him it recognized His divine Priesthood. In these next few lessons, we will come to know this High Priest very well and I believe you will recognize Him as the one we call Jesus. There are actually 99 names that speak of Jesus in the Bible including this one.

Some of the things I want you to consider as we study in the next few lessons on this High Priest, is that this priesthood was forever. He will be spoken of as THE High Priest. He had no mother or father, He is THE King of Peace. He is spoken of as having no beginning and no end. At the very least He is a type, but look carefully. There can be only one THE High Priest, or one THE King of Peace. THE KING OF PEACE IS JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Pray about this.

Hebrews 9 Questions

1. What are the 2 things the high priest does for the people in verse 1?
2. Who was the only person allowed to go into the most holy place in the temple?
3. What must he carry with him when he goes into the most holy place?
4. Through what, did God speak to the people?
5. Was the high priest a perfect man?
6. Who is a vivid description of how bad the high priest does sin sometimes?
7. What did He do?
8. What did Aaron's sons do, that was displeasing to God?
9. How did God punish them?
10. Was the high priest above the law?
11. What was the high priest's sin offering?
12. How did they become high priest?
13. Should our ministers today preach for the purpose of making a living?
14. Where do we find the Scripture that tells us it was wrong for a king to do the duties of priest in the temple?
15. Quote John chapter 3 verse 27.
16. Who actually glorified Jesus as High Priest?
17. Why was it important for Jesus to be the one to save us?
18. When was the plan made to save us by the way of the cross?
19. How do we know that the Word is Jesus?
20. What does the name Jesus mean?
21. Jesus was a priest after the order of whom?
22. What is the author's opinion of who this is?
23. Who was the only man that Melchizedek appeared to?
24. Approximately how many years after Adam's birth did He appear?
25. What two elements did He feed Abraham?
26. What did Abraham do that showed Melchizedek's priesthood?
27. What does Melchizedek mean?
28. Why was it important for Abraham to see Him and believe He existed?
29. How many different names in the Bible indicate Jesus?
30. Who is THE KING OF PEACE?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 5:7 "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;"

This is speaking of Jesus, who took on the form of flesh for His stay here on the earth. It was necessary that He be in the flesh of man, that He could be our substitute on the cross. The flesh of Jesus was from His mother Mary and was normal flesh as you and I have. The Spirit within the flesh was the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit had hovered over Mary [who was a virgin] and she conceived of the Holy Spirit of God. This Scripture above is speaking of the time when Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane with Peter, James, and John and prayed to His Father to let the cup pass from Him. Gethsemane means an oil press. The garden is full of olive trees. This press is used to make olive oil. Olive oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. I believe that Jesus' Spirit was strong and ready to face this horrible death of the cross, but His body [flesh] was weak, and He came to the garden to pray to strengthen His body for this suffering. Let us read a few Scriptures pertaining to this and see if that might be the case. Matthew 26:39 "And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou [wilt]." Matthew 26:40 "And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?" Matthew 26:41 " Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed [is] willing, but the flesh [is] weak." Matthew 26:42 "He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done." We see from this, that the flesh of Jesus was not looking forward to this death. Here are two more Scriptures where Jesus accepts God's will in this. John 12:27 "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour." John 12:28 "Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, [saying], I have both glorified [it], and will glorify [it] again."

Hebrews 5:8 "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;"

We are told that it is better to obey than to sacrifice in I Samuel 15:22 "And Samuel said, Hath the LORD [as great] delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey [is] better than sacrifice, [and] to hearken than the fat of rams." Jesus told Paul that He would show him what great things he must suffer. We, also, must face suffering if it comes, and be victorious over it, if we are to reign with Jesus Christ. He is our Leader, and if He suffered, we may have to, also. II Timothy 2:12 "If we suffer, we shall also reign with [him]: if we deny [him], he also will deny us:" We are taught that tribulation comes to bring patience. Romans 5:3 "And not only [so], but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;"

Hebrews 5:9 "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;"

We know that Jesus is the only one who ever lived on this earth completely free from sin. He took our sin on His own body that we might take on His righteousness. He is our Salvation. Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Just the name Jesus means Saviour. He is the only way to heaven. Romans chapter 10 verse 9 tells us, if we believe in our heart and confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus, we shall be saved. One more Scripture that says it all is I John 5:20 "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, [even] in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

Hebrews 5:10 "Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec."

Melchisedec here and Melchizedek in the Old Testament is the same name. They are spelled differently because they were originally written in different languages. This Melchizedek has been a controversy for thousands of years. In the next few chapters here we will go into great detail about this. My own personal belief is that this Melchizedek is actually an appearance of the one we call Jesus. He appeared only one recorded time. His appearance was to the father of the believers [Abraham]. If we are the spiritual children of Abraham through faith, then we must believe the same thing he does. He believed that Melchizedek was divinely appointed High Priest, because he paid tithes to him. He was not of the Levitical tribe, because the Scriptures say he had no father or mother. He was a High Priest forever. Melchizedek fed the same elements to Abraham that Jesus fed the disciples [bread and wine]. He was known as THE King of Salem, THE King of Peace. There can be only one THE KING OF PEACE, His name is Jesus Christ. The most interesting thing of all to me is that he appeared to Abraham about 2000 years after the birth of Adam. Jesus Christ appeared as the Babe in a manger about 2000 years after this happening and He [Jesus] will appear again about 2000 years after this babe's birth as King of kings and Lord of lords. Another thing that I have mentioned before is that Jesus is called by 123 different names in the Bible. It seems His name fits the job He is doing at the time. Think on this. We will probably mention it several times in this lesson series.

Hebrews 5:11 "Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing."

Jesus had said before, Seeing they will not see and hearing they will not hear. This seems so strange, but God does not want to win them to Him through their great intelligence, He wants them to believe in their heart. Even the disciples did not understand the meaning of the parables that Jesus spoke in, until Jesus explained them. Remember this letter is written to the Hebrews. To understand the things of God, the Holy Spirit must reveal the meaning. Unless they could see it with their eyes, they would not believe. If you can see something, it takes no faith to believe. Faith is the opposite of fact. Matthew 13:15 "For this people's heart is waxed gross, and [their] ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with [their] eyes and hear with [their] ears, and should understand with [their] heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."

Hebrews 5:12 "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which [be] the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat."

The Hebrews had the Old Testament to guide them, but they did not truly understand what they were saying, and they turned down the Lord of glory. I will give a few verses of Scripture in Paul's words on this. I Corinthians 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, [even] as unto babes in Christ. I Corinthians 3:2 "I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able [to bear it], neither yet now are ye able." I Corinthians 3:3 "For ye are yet carnal: for whereas [there is] among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"

Hebrews 5:13 "For every one that useth milk [is] unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe."

The secrets of life are in the Bible. That is the reason I am encouraging people to study the Bible. Notice these promptings from the Word. I Corinthians 14:20 "Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men." II Timothy 3:16 "All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" Ephesians 4:14 "That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;" Ephesians 4:15 "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, [even] Christ:" The only way that we will not be deceived is by reading our Bible every day, pray the Holy Spirit reveal it to you, and try every spirit by that Word of God.

Hebrews 5:14 "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, [even] those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

The more you read and study the Word, the stronger you will become. This is the hour of great deception. We must not be deceived. Matthew 24:24 "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect." The only way to not be deceived is to stay in the Word of God. I John 4:1 "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." I John 4:2 "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:" I John 4:3 "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that [spirit] of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

So many are trying to say that Jesus was no more than a man when He walked on the earth. Do not believe that. He was God with us [Immanuel}. He was God the Word, who took on the flesh of man to save us from an eternity in hell. He paid our debt to God when He shed His blood that we might live.

Hebrews 10 Questions

1. Who is chapter 5 verse 7 speaking of?
2. Why was it necessary for Him to be in the flesh of man?
3. Who did Mary conceive by?
4. Who went up the mount of Gethsemane with Jesus?
5. What is a Gethsemane?
6. What is olive oil symbolic of?
7. What request did Jesus make of the Father in prayer?
8. The _____ is willing, but the _____ is weak.
9. For what cause had they come to this hour?
10. What did the Father answer back from heaven, when Jesus said Father glorify thy name?
11. Jesus learned obedience through what?
12. What is more important to God than sacrifices?
13. In second Timothy chapter 2 verse 12, we find if we suffer, we shall do what?
14. Tribulation comes to bring what?
15. Jesus being perfect, He became the author of what to all who obey Him?
16. Who is the only one who lived above sin?
17. Jesus was a High Priest after the order of whom?
18. Who does the author believe Melchizedek is?
19. Who is The King of Peace?
20. How many years after Adam's birth did Melchizedek appear?
21. What did He feed Abraham?
22. What did Abraham do, that recognized Melchizedek as The Divine High Priest?
23. Who has to reveal the meaning of Scriptures to us?
24. Faith is the opposite of what?
25. They still need to feed on milk and not what?
26. In first Corinthians, Paul says he is speaking not to spiritual people, but to whom?
27. In Hebrews chapter 5 verse 13, they are called what?
28. All Scripture is given for what?
29. What are we to try every spirit with?
30. Every spirit that denies that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is what?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 6:1 "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God," Hebrews 6:2 "Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

We see from this, that basic Christianity includes repentance of sins, being baptized into new life, receiving the promise of the resurrection, being warned of the judgment to come, and even includes the laying on of hands by the presbytery whereby we receive the gifts, of the Holy Spirit. You might say, then, what is left that is not basic? This is where we walk in the knowledge of God producing fruit fit for the kingdom. We have already been saved, now it is time for us to work for the Lord, in whatever job He has for us to do. We will find, that we, like the disciples of old, have been given a commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel. I said in a previous lesson, that all who have passed beyond the basic Christianity and who have studied and know the Word of God, are obligated to teach those who do not know. This next Scripture tells us exactly what God would have us to do. Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" We are in a war with the devil. We must do our best to win our young people back to God, before the devil enlists them.

Hebrews 6:3 "And this will we do, if God permit."

Almost everyone who is studying this Bible study has already gone beyond the step of basic Christianity. We are all seeking for the deeper truths which the Holy Spirit of God teaches us. The most important statement in this short verse above is, [if God permit]. Without His permission, we would not even wake in the morning. The first thing, for a true Christian to do, is turn our will over to God. James 4:15 "For that ye [ought] to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."

Hebrews 6:4 "For [it is] impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost," Hebrews 6:5 "And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come," Hebrews 6:6 "If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put [him] to an open shame."

This is one of the most severe warnings in the Bible to the Christian. Enlightened in this case means to illuminate or make apparent. This means, not a babe in Christ, but a seasoned Christian who is fully aware of the will of God. It, also, means someone who has received not only the baptism of water, but of the Holy Ghost, as well. This has to do with sinning in full knowledge that what you are doing is a sin. This falling away is a free will act on the part of this Christian to depart from Christianity and go back into the world. This would be turning your will over to the lust of your flesh and not only committing sin, but having it to be the desire of your heart to sin. Once we have accepted the free gift of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ; we are washed in His blood and our sins are done away with. It would be like writing all your sins on a black board and having Jesus erase them. To willfully go back into a sin habit in your life,

would be as if you did not have respect for the sacrifice that Jesus made. It reminds me of Esau thinking so little of his birthright that he sold it to Jacob for a bowl of soup. When Jesus died for our sins, He grafted us into the tree of Life, and we became adopted children of the Father. To choose to turn our back on this adoption would greatly anger God. It would be as if we wanted Jesus to die over and over for our sin. John 15:6 "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast [them] into the fire, and they are burned." To abide means to dwell continuously. It is possible to have your name blotted out of the book of life. You have to be saved for your name to be written in the book of life, and your name has to be in there, before it can be blotted out. Read this Scripture and you will see it is very important to continue with Christ after you have received Him. Revelation 3:5 "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." We must walk daily in the salvation that we have received. Hebrews 10:29 "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" This says it all.

Hebrews 6:7 "For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:"

We hear so much about the devil being in control of the earth, but he has to get God's permission for what he does. Jesus is the ruler of the earth. Philippians 2:10 "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth;" Notice, also, that God is the one who allows the rain. Matthew 5:45 "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." We know that God withholds the rain, sometimes for years to cause repentance of the people. Deuteronomy 11:17 "And [then] the LORD'S wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and [lest] ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you." The earth receives the blessings of rain from God, just as our blessings come from God. We could go into this in greater detail by telling how Jesus told the sea to be still and it had to obey. Do not be deceived, God is in control of everything.

Hebrews 6:8 "But that which beareth thorns and briers [is] rejected, and [is] nigh unto cursing; whose end [is] to be burned."

The easiest way to explain this, is, by their fruits you shall know them. Thorns and briars are part of the curse on the ground when Adam fell. They are of no use to anyone, so their fate is burning to get rid of them. Genesis 3:17 "And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed [is] the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat [of] it all the days of thy life;" Genesis 3:18 "Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;" Matthew 7:19 "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." We can easily see from this what God has in mind for useless things. Are you a fruit bearer?

Hebrews 6:9 "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak."

We see here, that he is not just speaking of just plants which are thorns, but people, as well. As we said before, it is terribly important that we be doing the work God has called us to do. We want Him to say when we stand before Him, Well done thy good and faithful servant. The fruit that should be showing in our life is spoken of in these next two verses. Galatians 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith," Galatians 5:23 "Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." We need to be working to get as many more people in the kingdom as we can, when the Lord returns. Some of us work in small places and may just have a few, but the angels in heaven rejoice when you bring one sinner to Jesus. There are a few more Scriptures here that I will give you on this subject. Titus 2:11 "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men," Titus 2:12 "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;" Titus 2:13 "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" Titus 2:14 "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Hebrews 6:10 "For God [is] not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

Everything we are doing in the name of the Lord here on the earth is being recorded right now in heaven. Your rewards will be in heaven. Jesus said, In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me. These Scriptures in Jesus' own words say it much better than I can. Matthew 25:35 "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:" Matthew 25:36 "Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." Matthew 25:37 "Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed [thee]? or thirsty, and gave [thee] drink?" Matthew 25:38 "When saw we thee a stranger, and took [thee] in? or naked, and clothed [thee]?" Matthew 25:39 "Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?" Matthew 25:40 "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me."

I will end this lesson by saying, If we are to be like our Saviour [Jesus Christ], then we must forget about ourselves and the so-called pleasures of this world, and spend every extra moment telling someone about Jesus. Won't it be wonderful to see the people you brought to Christ in heaven? Lay up your treasures in heaven; not on this earth.

Hebrews 11 Questions

1. In Hebrew chapter 6 verse 1, we are told to leave the principles of doctrine and go on to what?
2. Name some of the things that are covered in basic Christianity.
3. When we go beyond basic Christianity, what is left?
4. What are we Christians, who have already received basic Christianity, and have studied the Word, obligated to do?
5. Quote the great commission given believers in Matthew Chapter 28 verse 19.
6. What are three very important words found in Hebrews chapter 6 verse 3?
7. What is it like when a seasoned Christian, operating in full knowledge, chooses again a sinful way of life?
8. What does enlightened mean here?
9. This person spoken of in question 7, not only sins, but it is the desire of their _____ to sin.
10. John chapter 15 verse 6 says, what happens to those who do not abide in Jesus.
11. Who shall be clothed in white raiment in heaven?
12. Who is really in control of the earth?
13. Philippians chapter 2 verse 10 says, who must bow to the name of Jesus?
14. Who does God send rain on?
15. Where in Deuteronomy do we read that God would not let it rain because of His wrath?
16. In Hebrews chapter 6 verse 8, we read that worthless things shall be _____.
17. Who brought the curse of thorns and briars to the earth?
18. Are you a fruit bearer?
19. What fruit should be showing in a Christian's life?
20. How does Titus chapter 2 say we should live?
21. What are we Christians to be zealous of?
22. When will you reap the rewards for what you have done on earth?
23. What does the 25th chapter of Matthew teach about doing for others?
24. If we are to be like Jesus, what must we do?
25. Where should our treasures be?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 6:11 "And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:"

In the last lesson, we were talking about the responsibility of the mature Christian. We are to work the work of a Christian right up until the hour the Lord returns. We sing a song here at the church I attend that says, [we'll work till Jesus comes]. So many Christians are falling away today. Many think it is too hard. We are told in advance that in this life we will have tribulation. John 16:33 "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." In the next Scripture in Jesus' own words we find out just what we must do. Matthew 24:13 "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Those who are weak in the faith will give up, and fall away. I Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Hebrews 6:12 "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

Slothful means lazy. Captain John Smith, in the colonies, was not the first one to say [no work no eat]. It is in this Scripture II Thessalonians 3:10 "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat." There are numerous Scriptures on this subject of not being slothful. I will give two here. Proverbs 12:24 "The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute." Proverbs 13:4 "The soul of the sluggard desireth, and [hath] nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat." The faith that we have must be the type which wears well with time. Romans 2:7 "To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:" Those who endure to the end receive the promise of eternal life. Matthew 24:13 "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." These Scriptures leave no doubt what we must do.

Hebrews 6:13 "For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,"

Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, taught that we should not swear by anything. We can not even swear by our own head, because we can not make one hair white or black. God, on the other hand, controls everything. He can swear by anything He wants to, because He controls everything. He swore by Himself, because there is no greater. He is the Truth. The Truth can not lie. Titus 1:2 "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"

Hebrews 6:14 "Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee."

We know that the promises made to Abraham were for him and his seed forever. These promises are for the Christians, because we are the seed of

Abraham. Galatians 3:29 "And if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Now that we know these promises are for the believers in Christ, let us see what they are. Genesis 48:4 "And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee [for] an everlasting possession." Genesis 12:2 "And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:" Genesis 12:3 "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." When we read of the Christians in heaven dressed in white robes, washed in the blood of the Lamb; we find there are so many that they are without number. I quote: Revelation 7:9 "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;" Revelation 7:13 "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?" Revelation 7:14 "And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Revelation 7:15 "Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them." God's promise to Abraham is fulfilled in the believers in Christ.

Hebrews 6:15 "And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise."

Romans 4:18 "Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be." This was so impossible in the flesh, because Abraham would be a hundred years old and Sarah would be ninety. Isaac was a son of promise, not of the flesh. Genesis 21:5 "And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him."

Hebrews 6:16 "For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation [is] to them an end of all strife."

Even ungodly men like Herod honored their oath. When a man took an oath, it was the penalty of death if he lied, so everyone believed when someone took an oath. Matthew 23:20 "Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon." Matthew 23:21 "And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein." Matthew 23:22 "And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon." An oath is a very serious thing.

Hebrews 6:17 "Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed [it] by an oath:"

Who are the heirs according to the promise? We will see in this next Scripture. Galatians 3:29 "And if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Immutability means unchangeable. This means then, that the promises God made will not change. They are forever. Psalms 33:11 "The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations." Isaiah 14:24 "The LORD of hosts

hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, [so] shall it stand:" We see from these Scriptures that once God has thought it, He will never change it.

Hebrews 6:18 "That by two immutable things, in which [it was] impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:"

God's spoken and written Word are unchangeable. Truth can not lie, as we said before. God is Truth. Numbers 23:19 "God [is] not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do [it]? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" We read how important to God His Word is; in Jesus' own words. Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Hebrews 6:19 "Which [hope] we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;"

The Christian's hope is of the resurrection. We see in this next Scripture that the Christian is not like the rest of the world who is without hope. I Thessalonians 4:13 "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." I Thessalonians 4:14 "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." I Thessalonians 4:15 "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep." I Thessalonians 4:16 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:" I Thessalonians 4:17 "Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Jesus opened the way to the Father for us when He was crucified for us. He brought down the veil of partition for us. Mark 15:38 "And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom."

Hebrews 6:20 "Whither the forerunner is for us entered, [even] Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

Jesus is even now seated in heavenly places. In fact He is seated at the right hand of the Father. He is preparing a place for us, and when the Father says it is time, we will join Him at the right hand of the Father. Jesus is our High Priest. He carried His own precious blood to the Father to pay for our sin. Jesus represents us before the Father even now. The promise to the believers in John is beautiful. John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." John 14:2 "In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also." All believers are the bride of Christ. He is coming back for us, if we have remained faithful to Him. II Corinthians 11:2 "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ."

Hebrews 12 Questions

1. How long are we to work for the Lord?
2. In the world ye shall have _____.
3. In Matthew chapter 24 verse 13, we find that who shall be saved?
4. What are we told to be in 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 58, 2 things?
5. What does slothful mean?
6. In 2 Thessalonians chapter 3 verse 10, what commandment was given about those who would not work?
7. Who did God swear by?
8. Why did He swear by Him?
9. Why can we not swear by our own head?
10. Where is the Scripture found that says God cannot lie?
11. Who were God's promises made to?
12. How do the Christians fit into these promises?
13. What are the promises?
14. Who are the great multitude in heaven that are without number?
15. How are they dressed?
16. Why did it seem impossible for Abraham and Sarah to have Isaac?
17. What is final, and leaves no room for strife?
18. If you swear by the altar, what else do you swear by?
19. Who are the heirs according to the promise?
20. What does immutability mean?
21. What is the hope, for the Christian?
22. How was the veil in the temple torn?
23. Who was made our High Priest forever?
24. When will Jesus come back for His bride?
25. What wonderful promise is made to the Christian in John chapter 14?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 7:1 "For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

We have discussed this Melchisedec at length in a previous lesson, but we need to review some of that and expand on it, as well. I do not believe this Salem to be a place, but a condition. King of Salem, means King of Peace. Notice here, also, that this High Priest comes from God and not through bloodline into the Levitical tribe. The main element in all of this, is that the only one He appeared to, was the father of the believers, Abraham. He, also, had some heavenly authority, because He blessed Abraham. Notice in the Scriptures that I will give next, what these blessings were. He is called {the} High Priest of God. Notice, also, that He gave Abraham the communion elements of bread and wine. Genesis 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he [was] the priest of the most high God. Genesis 14:19 "And he blessed him, and said, Blessed [be] Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:" Genesis 14:20 "And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all." Notice, in this last Scripture, that Abraham recognized Him as divinely appointed High Priest sent from God, when he paid tithes to Him.

Hebrews 7:2 "To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;"

This Scripture leaves no doubt in my mind that this King of Salem is not a place, but is explaining that He is King of Peace. As I said, in a previous lesson, there is only one KING OF PEACE and He is the one we call Jesus Christ. In this next Scripture we know Who is the Righteous King. Jeremiah 23:6 "In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this [is] his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Hebrews 7:3 "Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually."

This is describing the Eternal One Jesus Christ. This without father and without mother, just means that He was in His Spirit body and had not taken on the form of flesh. The only time Jesus was in His flesh body, was when He came to earth to save His people. Without descent tells us that this Melchisedec is of heavenly nature. No beginning and no ending says beyond a shadow of doubt that this is the Lord of Glory.

Hebrews 7:4 "Now consider how great this man [was], unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils."

This alone recognized Him as High Priest of God.

Hebrews 7:5 "And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the

people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:"

The difference in the sons of Levi and Melchisedec is that they are priest, because of their blood line and they are priest just for a short time. This Melchisedec is a Priest forever, and has no bloodline, He is divinely appointed of God for this service. The Scripture above is clearly making a difference in the type of priesthood.

Hebrews 7:6 "But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises."

We clearly see the distinction made here that the Levitical priesthood and the priesthood of Melchisedec are totally different. The Scripture above, again, says, He blessed Abraham. Blessings come from God.

Hebrews 7:7 "And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better."

This is just saying, here, that as great a man as Abraham was, he was less than Melchisedec. Abraham is thought of as one of the best men who ever lived. Then, is this saying, that Melchisedec was more than man? Jesus was more than mortal man, He was Immanuel, God with us.

Hebrews 7:8 "And here men that die receive tithes; but there he [receiveth them], of whom it is witnessed that he liveth."

We were told in another Scripture above of His eternity. He had no beginning and no end. The word liveth means continues to live.

Hebrews 7:9 "And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham." Hebrews 7:10 "For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him."

This statement, here. is saying that not only did Abraham pay tithes to Melchisedec, but the high priest of the Levitical tribe paid tithes to Him in reality, because he is descended from Abraham. We see in this that not even the high priest of the temple on earth was of the same stature as this Melchisedec. Melchisedec was more than man.

Hebrews 7:11 "If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need [was there] that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?"

This is coming back to the very point we have been making here, Melchisedec, like Jesus Christ was not of the world order. Their priesthood was of God and not through man. Galatians 3:11 "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, [it is] evident: for, The just shall live by faith." The law did not save, it just showed us how badly we needed a Saviour. The law, then and now, shows that no man can live up to the law and all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Galatians 3:24 "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster [to bring us] unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith."

I want to break from the detailed explanation for a moment here and say; The Tabernacle in the wilderness was patterned after the real Tabernacle in heaven. The holy place and the most holy place that Moses had built in the wilderness was just a model of the real Holy of Holies in heaven. Moses was warned to make it in detail as the one in heaven. The Tabernacle in the wilderness had a high priest. This leaves no doubt, that the Holy place in Heaven has a great High Priest, also. We are told over and over that The High Priest forever is the One we call Jesus Christ. We are told here, that this Melchisedec is The High Priest forever, not of the Levitical tribe, but is of the same order as Jesus. This leaves no doubt in my mind that Jesus Christ, The Word, High Priest Forever is one and the same as Melchisedec. The priesthood of Aaron was faulty as their leader was. Remember, Aaron made the golden calf. The priesthood through Aaron was worldly. The Priesthood through Jesus Christ and Melchisedec was from God in heaven and was faultless.

Hebrews 7:12 "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law."

We see from this that even this appearance to Abraham was not even associated with the law, but was in fact The High Priest of Grace. Abraham believed, and it was counted unto him as righteousness. Romans 8:3 "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:" Romans 5:20 "Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:" Abraham was saved by grace through faith just as we Christians are.

I will end this lesson on this note. God knew that man could not live up to the law, so He gave us a way of escape. That Way is Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Hebrews 13 Questions

1. What 2 things was Melchisedec called in Hebrew chapter 7 verse 1?
2. Where was Abraham coming from when he met Him?
3. What is the meaning of Salem?
4. What was different about His priesthood?
5. What are the 2 things we call communion elements?
6. What blessing did Melchisedec speak on Abraham?
7. What did it show about who He was, when Abram paid tithes to Him?
8. Name 3 titles given Melchisedec in Hebrews Chapter 7 verse 2.
9. Who is King of Peace?
10. In Jeremiah chapter 23 verse 6, who is THE LORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS?
11. What shows His eternity in Hebrews chapter 7 verse 3?
12. Who was Melchisedec made like unto?
13. What does abideth mean?
14. What is meant by the statement {without father and without mother}?
15. What does without descent tell us about Melchisedec?
16. What is mentioned in verse four of Hebrews chapter 7 that also shows His greatness?
17. Whose sons are the earthly priesthood?
18. Who was these earthly priests' ancestor?
19. Who blesses mankind?
20. The less is blessed of the _____.
21. What one word in Hebrews chapter 7 verse 8 shows eternity?
22. How did Levi pay tithes to Melchisedec?
23. Melchisedec was no mere _____.
24. The Levitical priesthood was not _____.
25. Where do we find in the Scriptures that the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ?
26. The tabernacle in the wilderness was patterned from what?
27. Who is our High Priest forever?
28. For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the _____.
29. Where sin abounded, _____ did much more abound.

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 7:13 "For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar."

In the previous lesson we were studying about Melchisedec who was High Priest forever. We were discussing the similarities between Him and Jesus Christ. This Scripture above explains, again, that this Melchisedec is not of the Levitical tribe. Since He had no mother and father, He is not a descendent of any tribe. He is of heaven.

Hebrews 7:14 "For [it is] evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood."

Neither Jesus nor Melchisedec sprang from the Levitical tribe. The only way Jesus sprang from the tribe of Judah was in the flesh. His Spirit which is eternal sprang from no one. The priesthood of Jesus and Melchisedec was of God.

Hebrews 7:15 "And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest," Hebrews 7:16 "Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life."

Jesus and Melchisedec, as we said before, are the Eternal One. Neither had a beginning or an end. The power of an endless life shows them to be part of the Godhead. Revelation 1:18 "I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

Hebrews 7:17 "For he testifieth, Thou [art] a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

Just the repetition of this statement makes us know how important it is to realize who this is.

Hebrews 7:18 "For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof."

We see in this, that the law came first. When the weakness of man to keep the law was evident, God sent another plan to save mankind.

Hebrews 7:19 "For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope [did]; by the which we draw nigh unto God."

Galatians 2:16 "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." This Scripture in Galatians explains that with faith in Jesus Christ plus nothing, we are saved. The law condemned man and the grace of Jesus Christ brought hope to all who will believe.

Hebrews 7:20 "And inasmuch as not without an oath [he was made priest]:" Hebrews 7:21 "(For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou [art] a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)"

This oath, that Jesus was an High Priest after the order of Melchisedec, was an oath that God took on Himself. This leaves no room for dispute.

Hebrews 7:22 "By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament."

Testament means a contract or a covenant. Surety means pledge. We see then from this that the new contract between God and man is much better than the law.

Hebrews 7:23 "And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:" Hebrews 7:24 "But this [man], because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood."

If we were to look in the book of Chronicles in the Old Testament, we would find many, many names of priests and high priest beginning with Aaron. Some of these were sincere ministers of the temple, but some of them were bad. Two of Aaron's sons brought strange fire into the temple and God killed them. God spoke to the people through the high priest. The high priest also represented the people before God. The only Eternal High Priest was Jesus Christ and Melchisedec.

Hebrews 7:25 "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

There is a beautiful prayer of Jesus to the Father and in it, it tells so much about how He intercedes on our behalf. It begins in John chapter 17 verse 9 and goes through chapter 17 verse 26. I quote " I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we [are]. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, [art] in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in

one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare [it]: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Hebrews 7:26 "For such an high priest became us, [who is] holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;"

II Corinthians 5:21 "For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." We have no righteousness of our own. We are made righteous when we accept Jesus as our Savior and are washed in His blood and made righteous in Him.

Hebrews 7:27 "Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself."

The blood of an animal could not do away with sin, it just covered it up. There is absolutely no way that anyone could even remember all of the ordinances of the law, much less keep them. The blood of animals did not clear a person's conscience of sin. Hebrews 9:12 "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption [for us]." Hebrews 9:13 "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:" Hebrews 9:14 "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Hebrews 7:28 "For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, [maketh] the Son, who is consecrated for evermore."

We see from this that imperfect men were the high priest of the people while the law was in effect. Our Eternal High Priest [Jesus Christ is the perfect one. His dedication and love for His followers is everlasting. Romans 8:34 "Who [is] he that condemneth? [It is] Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." He sits at the right hand of the Father and pleads our case before Him. I John 2:1 "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:"

Hebrews 14 Questions

1. Melchisedec and Jesus were not from the _____ tribe.
2. Our Lord Jesus sprang out of _____.
3. Jesus was made a High Priest forever not after carnal commandment, but after the power of an _____.
4. When the weakness of man to keep the _____ was evident, God sent another plan to redeem mankind.
5. Man is not justified by the law, but by what?
6. What difference was there in the priesthood of Jesus and the earthly priesthood?
7. Jesus was made a _____ of a better pledge.
8. What does testament mean?
9. What does surety mean?
10. What book in the Old Testament list many of the earthly priests?
11. Which high priest had two sons who brought strange fire into the temple?
12. What was the job of the high priest?
13. He ever liveth to make _____ for them.
14. John chapter 17 verses 9 through 26 is what?
15. Who does Jesus pray for?
16. Who was the only one Jesus lost of His?
17. Who hates the Christians?
18. Why do they hate them?
19. Jesus prays not that they will be taken out of the world, but what?
20. How is the Christian sanctified?
21. Describe Jesus from Hebrews chapter 7 verse 26.
22. Quote 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 21.
23. How often did the earthly priests sacrifice?
24. The blood of an animal could not do away with sin, what was all it could do?
25. Who is the perfect One?
26. Who is He that condemneth?
27. Who is Jesus called in 1 John Chapter 2 verse 1?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 8:1 "Now of the things which we have spoken [this is] the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;" Hebrews 8:2 "A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man."

As we said, in the last lesson, The Tabernacle in the wilderness was a model of the one in heaven. The heavenly Tabernacle was not made with human hands. Moses had been warned of God that every detail must be exact as the one God had shown Moses. Our High Priest is Jesus Christ, who carried His precious blood to the throne of God. We mentioned that Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the Father, because His work is done. His 6 hours on the cross, was His 6 days of work, for all of mankind. He said It is finished, and went to heaven to be with the Father. Jesus is our representative before the Father. He is our Advocate, because He pleads our case. Revelation 3:21 "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." This statement, in Jesus' own words is in red in my Bible. By this, I know this is Jesus speaking. We must not fear problems of this earth, because we have a promise of a better life in heaven with Jesus. II Corinthians 5:1 "For we know that if our earthly house of [this] tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Hebrews 8:3 "For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore [it is] of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer."

The duties of the high priest, as we have said before in these lessons, is to be the link between God and man. He is to represent God to the people, and to represent the people to God. The high priest was the only one permitted to go into the most holy place. He carried blood into the most holy place for the sins of the people and for himself. God spoke to the heart of the high priest through the Urim and Thummin worn over the heart of the high priest. The high priest was in authority over the other priests. Besides being in charge of matters of religious importance, he was also in charge, of civil matters, as well. If we look at the high priest of these Israelites as a type of Christ, we will be able to see many similarities. Our great High Priest [Jesus Christ] represents us before the Father, He carried His own precious blood to atone for our sin, to the Throne of God. God spoke to all believers through His Son Jesus Christ. I could go on and on, but you get the picture. Titus 2:14 "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Hebrews 8:4 "For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:"

Jesus would not have been a high priest under the law, here on earth, because He was not of the Levitical tribe. Another good reason that He would not have been a high priest here on the earth, is that the high priest on earth is of the law, Jesus was not of the law, but of grace.

Hebrews 8:5 "Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, [that] thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount."

The entire Tabernacle was patterned after the real thing in heaven. We see in the next verse that Moses truly was warned for it to be exactly as God had shown Him. I believe this whole thing was so that mankind could understand the heavenlies a little better. Almost every thing in the tabernacle was symbolic of Jesus. Jesus is the Bread, Jesus is the Light, Jesus is the Lamb Sacrifice. Here again we could go on and on, but our point is made. This earthly high priest and the earthly Tabernacle was to show us a little glimpse of heaven and how it works. Exodus 26:30 "And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount."

Hebrews 8:6 "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises."

Jesus did not do away with the law; He fulfilled it. The law had to be fulfilled before the more excellent ministry of grace could be in effect. When Jesus said {It is finished}, it brought the end to the law and ushered in grace. II Corinthians 3:6 "Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." II Corinthians 3:7 "But if the ministration of death, written [and] engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which [glory] was to be done away:" II Corinthians 3:8 "How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?" II Corinthians 3:9 "For if the ministration of condemnation [be] glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory." II Corinthians 3:10 "For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth." II Corinthians 3:11 "For if that which is done away [was] glorious, much more that which remaineth [is] glorious." You see, the law condemned, but Jesus brought hope through grace. Grace is so much better, you would not be able to find anyone who would want to go back to the law. Mediator, in verse 6 above, means a go between.

Hebrews 8:7 "For if that first [covenant] had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second."

The fault was not actually in the law, but in man's ability to keep the law. Galatians 3:21 "[Is] the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law." As I said, it was just too much for man to keep. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Praise God we are saved, not because we are worthy, but because Jesus loves us and paid in full for our sin. Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" When we accept Jesus as our Saviour and Lord, we do so by simple faith in Him. This alone makes us righteous in the sight of God.

This entire lesson is saying to us that our great High Priest {Jesus Christ} has done all of the work for us. He has paid our debt to the Father in full. He has washed us in His precious blood and made us pure. He has

become sin for us that we might become His righteousness. He even fulfilled the law that we might be saved by the new covenant God made with man, through His son. Our Creator became our Saviour.

Hebrews 15 Questions

1. Where is our High Priest?
2. Who pitched the true Tabernacle?
3. What had God warned Moses of, in regard to the Temple?
4. Why is Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father?
5. Jesus is our representative before whom?
6. Every high priest is ordained to do what 2 things?
7. Who was the only one allowed to go into the most holy place in the Temple?
8. Who did the high priest carry the blood into the most holy place for?
9. Show some similarities between the earthly high priest and our great High Priest, Jesus Christ.
10. Give two reasons why Jesus was not high priest on earth?
11. What does the author think is the reason for building the Tabernacle in the wilderness?
12. Name a few things in the Temple that were symbolic of Jesus.
13. What is grace that Jesus brought to us called in Hebrews chapter 8 verse 6?
14. In the same verse as above, what is Jesus called?
15. Did Jesus do away with the law? Explain.
16. When was the end of the reign of the law, and grace entered?
17. Finish this statement; The letter killeth, but the Spirit _____.
18. Why could the Israelites not look on the face of Moses?
19. 2 Corinthians chapter 3 verse 11 says what about law and grace?
20. Which would you rather live under, law or grace?
21. What really was the fault of the law?
22. We are saved, not because we are worthy, but why?
23. Who did all the work for us to be saved?
24. He became sin for us, that we might become _____.
25. Our Creator became our _____.

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 8:8 "For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:"

We find that over and over, the Lord has had mercy on the Israelites. When one thing does not work, He has forgiven them, and given them another opportunity. The last opportunity, is the grace of God, through His Son Jesus Christ. This opportunity is for physical Israel, and for spiritual Israel [Christians]. This last opportunity is not made through the law, but is a free gift to all who will believe, and accept it. Jeremiah 31:31 "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:" Jeremiah 31:32 "Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day [that] I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:" Jeremiah 31:33 "But this [shall be] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people." Jeremiah 31:34 "And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." The amazing thing, to me, is that God still loves all of us.

Hebrews 8:9 "Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord."

These Hebrews that went into Egypt, soon forgot God in this idolatrous land. They cried out to Him for help when they became slaves to the Egyptians. God intervened on their part, and brought them out, by His mighty Hand. Ten plagues, God brought on Pharaoh, so he would let the people go. God opened the Red Sea, that they might walk across in safety. He miraculously fed them every day on the journey. The Bible says that their shoes and clothing did not wear out, even though this journey took 40 years. When they were out of water, God had water to flow from a rock for them. How could they fall away from God, after such great shows of His love to them? In the following Scriptures, we see another instance of Israel falling away from God. It seems, over and over, even unto this present time they are still away from God. The wonderful thing is, God is merciful. II Kings 17:16 "And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, [even] two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal." II Kings 17:17 "And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger." II Kings 17:18 "Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only."

Hebrews 8:10 "For this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into

their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:"

This is a beautiful promise to the house of Israel. I believe this includes physical Israel and spiritual Israel. When you are saved, you really have a change of heart. You no longer want to live the life you did before you received salvation. We are told over and over, to have the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord, we must believe in our heart. It is as if you have had a heart transplant. You no longer have an evil heart of unbelief. That old heart has been changed into a heart that wants to please God. Your heart has been washed in the blood of the Lamb and made every whit whole. This new heart, guided by the Holy Spirit of God, has learned the perfect way of the Lord. His laws have been written there. This heart no longer desires to sin; it desires to please God. The issue of the heart is what we are. The mind is stayed upon God, because the heart is stayed on God.

Hebrews 8:11 "And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest."

When the Lord reveals Himself to mankind, there will be no need for evangelizing. I believe this happens, when Jesus Christ, as Lord of lords and King of kings rules the thousand years here on the earth. Here is another Scripture that is saying the same thing. Habakkuk 2:14 "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." Let us look at two more Scriptures that can shed a little light on this. I John 2:27 "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." I John 5:20 "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, [even] in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life." God is a Spirit. When we receive the Spirit of God, within us, we no longer decide our life, Jesus decides and we follow His instructions.

Hebrews 8:12 "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

In the old earthly Temple, the high priest made sacrifice for the sin of the people. This blood of animals that they sacrificed could only cover the sin. Washing in the blood of Jesus completely destroys your sin. It is done away with. The Bible says it is as far as the east is from the west. It also says, it is in the bottom of the sea. The point it is really making is, that your sin is no more. Sin, for the believer in Christ, died on the cross, when Jesus took it upon His body. I John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:8 "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." I John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." You see, from all this, that we have sinned and deserve to die. Jesus paid in full the death penalty for us, when He gave His body on the cross.

Hebrews 8:13 "In that he saith, A new [covenant], he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old [is] ready to vanish away."

When you make a new will, the old one is no longer in effect. That is what God has done here, He has made a new will. This New Testament is that will. This Covenant was not signed with the blood of man, but with the blood of the Father's own Son {Jesus Christ the Righteous}. The old covenant has been retired and the new covenant is now in effect. God provided the new and better way. Jesus is the Way. The way we activate this covenant is through belief in Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord. II Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." This is that new birth that all believers in Christ receive.

Hebrews 16 Questions

1. In verse 8, who did God say He would make a new covenant with?
2. What is the last opportunity which God has made available to all?
3. In Jeremiah chapter 31 verse 31, God says He will make a new covenant with whom?
4. What did God say He had been to them?
5. Where will God put His laws in this new covenant?
6. Why will they not teach their neighbor in that day?
7. Who did God take by the hand and lead them out of slavery?
8. When was the only time they cried out to God?
9. Name some of the miracles God did for them, that should have left no doubt in their mind who He was?
10. Why do you suppose they fell away to other gods?
11. What are some terrible sins mentioned here in 2 Kings?
12. In chapter 8 verse 10, God says He will put His laws in what 2 places?
13. When will there be no need for evangelizing?
14. Quote Habakkuk chapter 2 verse 14.
15. The Son of God has come and given us an _____.
16. God is a _____.
17. In Hebrews chapter 8 verse 12, God says He will remember what no more?
18. Where are 2 places the Bible mentions your sins have gone, when you receive Jesus, that makes them impossible to find again?
19. What was the only thing the blood of an animal could do to sin?
20. If I walk in the Light of Jesus Christ, what cleanses me from all sin?
21. We have sinned and deserve to _____.
22. Jesus paid in full the _____ for us.
23. When He said He made a new covenant, what happened to the old?
24. When you make a new will the old one is no more in _____.
25. What was this new covenant signed with?
26. If any man be in Christ, he is a new _____.

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 9:1 "Then verily the first [covenant] had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary."

The Tabernacle in the wilderness, and the Temple in Jerusalem, were the sanctuary spoken of here. As we said, in previous lessons, Moses was given specific instructions by God of how it was to be constructed. The book of Leviticus is devoted to the ordinances God gave them to keep. For details on this read the lessons on Leviticus. I will give 2 Scriptures, only, here to give you an idea of how God was displeased with their past doings. Exodus 25:8 "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them." Leviticus 18:3 "After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances." This next Scripture tells what God expects of them, if they are to follow Him. Leviticus 18:30 "Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that [ye] commit not [any one] of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I [am] the LORD your God."

Hebrews 9:2 "For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein [was] the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary."

In our lessons in Exodus, we go into great detail about this tabernacle in the wilderness and all of the spiritual significance the furniture has. Verse 2 above is speaking of the Holy place. This Tabernacle had three separate areas, this is the middle area. This candlestick holds the Light who is Jesus. This Light symbolizes Jesus who is the Light of the world. John 8:12 "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 1:5 "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." This leaves no doubt what this Light is. This table, and the Bread on it also symbolizes Jesus who is the Bread. There are 4 beautiful Scriptures in the book of John that call Jesus the Bread. I quote. John 6:33 "For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world." John 6:35 "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." John 6:48 "I am that bread of life." John 6:51 "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." All of these Scriptures are in red in my Bible, which means that Jesus Himself spoke them.

Hebrews 9:3 "And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;"

This Holiest of all was not to be entered by anyone, except the high priest. This is where God dwelled. Everything in this Holiest place was either 24 kt. gold or 24 kt. gold over-lay. Even the high priest must not enter unworthily, or God would kill him. This veil, separating the Holiest of all from the Holy place, was the one that was torn from the top to the bottom when Jesus died on the cross. Matthew 27:51 "And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did

quake, and the rocks rent;" Jesus opened the way to the Father for us when He was crucified.

Hebrews 9:4 "Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein [was] the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;"

The smoke that went up from this golden censer was symbolic of the prayers of the saints. It was refuelled twice a day, which means to me that we should pray a minimum of twice a day. Revelation 8:3 "And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer [it] with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne." The ark of the covenant was a shittim wood box covered with 24 kt. gold. This box was called by this name, because it held the stone tablets which had the ten commandments written on them. The covering for this box was the mercy seat, which was 24 kt solid gold. This golden pot inside the ark, and the Manna that it held, also symbolized Jesus as the Manna that fell from heaven to feed the people. John 6:32 "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven." Aaron's rod that bloomed that was in the ark, symbolized the priesthood. The rod bloomed to recognize Aaron as God's first earthly high priest. Numbers 17:5 "And it shall come to pass, [that] the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you." If God approved him, what was it to man?

Hebrews 9:5 "And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly."

Cherubims are mentioned 64 times in the Scriptures. No one knows for sure just what they are. It seems as if they might be a type of guard. They were placed with a flaming sword at the entrance of the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve were driven out. They look at the Ark in the Holiest place. They are in God's presence, so they are highly honored. This is one of the mysteries of God that will be revealed later.

Hebrews 9:6 "Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service [of God]."

The priests, who were usually the sons of the high priest, were allowed to go into the holy place, but not into the Holiest place. Exodus 27:21 "In the tabernacle of the congregation without the veil, which [is] before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: [it shall be] a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel." This Scripture just makes it clear that the priests, as well as the high priest, could come into the holy place.

Hebrews 9:7 "But into the second [went] the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and [for] the errors of the people:"

This is speaking of the day of atonement, when the high priest carried blood into the Holiest place for the sins of the people and himself.

Hebrews 9:8 "The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:"

We discussed how at Jesus' crucifixion the way was opened to all believers into the Holiest. John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Hebrews 17 Questions

1. The first covenant had ordinances of what?
2. What 2 places does the sanctuary speak of?
3. Which book in the Old Testament tells in detail about these ordinances?
4. These Israelites were warned not to pick up the customs of whom?
5. What things were located in the holy place?
6. What things in the holy place were symbolic of Jesus?
7. What is Jesus called in John chapter 8 verse 12?
8. In what book of the Bible does Jesus call Himself the Bread?
9. What is the area in the tabernacle called, that is behind the second veil?
10. Who was the only one allowed to go into the Holiest place?
11. What metal was all the furniture in the Holiest place?
12. How was the veil to the most Holy place torn when Jesus died on the cross?
13. What was in the Holiest place?
14. What was the smoke that went up from the golden censor symbolic of?
15. What was the ark made of ?
16. Why was it called the ark of the covenant?
17. What did the Manna symbolize?
18. What did Aaron's rod that bloomed symbolize?
19. Why had the rod bloomed?
20. What did the cherubims do in the Holiest place?
21. The author believes the cherubims to be what?
22. What did the cherubims have with them to keep the entrance to the garden of Eden?
23. Who were the priests, ordinarily?
24. Who was allowed into the holy place?
25. Once a year the high priest went into the Holiest place with blood for what purpose?
26. When was the way into the Holiest place opened?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 9:9 "Which [was] a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;"

We have been, in the last few lessons, comparing the earthly Tabernacle with the Tabernacle in heaven. We also, have been comparing the earthly high priest, with our eternal High Priest. The sacrifice and the shedding of animal blood could never do away with sin, but the precious Blood of the Lamb of God {Jesus Christ} defeated sin on the cross for all time for everyone who will accept it. I Peter 3:21 "The like figure whereunto [even] baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"

Hebrews 9:10 "[Which stood] only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed [on them] until the time of reformation."

These washings and ordinances here, remind me very much of the formality in many of the churches. Christianity is not a ritual you perform once a week, but Christianity is of the heart. If you are truly saved, you are in love with Jesus Christ. Church is not some formal thing you do. You love to go to church, and talk about Jesus, all the time. The person, sold out to Jesus, looks forward to fellowshiping with other Christians. Ephesians 2:15 "Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, [even] the law of commandments [contained] in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, [so] making peace;" God wants you to desire in your heart to please Him, not to keep a bunch of rituals. Salvation is of the heart. If you believe in your heart the Lord Jesus, and confess that He rose from the grave you will be saved. Let us look at one more Scripture on how to please God. I Samuel 15:22 "And Samuel said, Hath the LORD [as great] delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey [is] better than sacrifice, [and] to hearken than the fat of rams." You are, what your heart is. Reformation just means, Jesus came and reformed the law into grace. Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God:"

Hebrews 9:11 "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;"

Here are 2 Scriptures that should let us know that what God has in heaven is greater than any Tabernacle we might build here on the earth. Acts 17:24 "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;" Acts 17:25 "Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;" God can not be housed in a building of this earth. All heaven and earth can not really contain Him. He is omnipresent {everywhere all the time}. He can dwell in your heart and still be at the right hand of the Father all at the same time. God is a Spirit. If we are to truly know Him, it must be in our spirit. The only reason the Word {Jesus Christ} took on the body of man, was

so that He could save us. John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." The very reason Jesus did not come in Spirit alone, was so He might relate better to our problems in the flesh. The high priest {to be a good one} must be able to know and understand the problems of his people. Jesus, not only relates to us, but has prepared for our time of separation from this old tabernacle of flesh that we will discard at our death. II Corinthians 5:1 "For we know that if our earthly house of [this] tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Hebrews 9:12 "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption [for us]."

Galatians 3:13 "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed [is] every one that hangeth on a tree:" We have touched on this before, but it bears repeating. The only thing the blood of the animal could do was cover the sin. The blood of the perfect Lamb {Jesus Christ} wiped all of our sins away as if they had never been there. Sin for the true believer died on the cross. We have been washed in His precious blood and made every whit whole {white as snow}. Though our sins had been crimson red, now we are white as snow. Revelation 7:14 "And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Hebrews 9:13 "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:" Hebrews 9:14 "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

I Peter 1:18 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, [as] silver and gold, from your vain conversation [received] by tradition from your fathers;" I Peter 1:19 "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" I Peter 1:20 "Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you," I Peter 1:21 "Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God." This is stating even more emphatically that the blood of animals could not save your soul and give you a clear conscience. Jesus did not just cover our sin with His precious blood, He paid the penalty for our sin with His precious blood and we have a full pardon. We no longer have those sins, they are washed away in the blood of the Lamb.

Hebrews 9:15 "And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions [that were] under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."

The New Testament is actually the last will and testament of Jesus Christ. We are the inheritors of the things He has promised us in the will. A will is not activated until the one that drew it up dies. Now we can lay claim to our inheritance in Jesus Christ if we live up to the requirements

of the will. I Peter 1:3 "Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," I Peter 1:4 "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you," An inheritance is not something you work to get, it is a gift from the writer of the will. We just believe, and receive. Titus 3:7 "That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

Hebrews 9:16 "For where a testament [is], there must also of necessity be the death of the testator." Hebrews 9:17 "For a testament [is] of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth."

Jesus is the Testator above. The only time you can lay claim to your inheritance is after the Writer of the will has died. Grace is a free gift {our inheritance}.

Hebrews Questions 18

1. In verse 9 of Hebrews chapter 9 we find that the blood of animals could not clear the _____.
2. What two Tabernacles have we been comparing in these lessons?
3. Which high priests have we been comparing?
4. What does 1 Peter chapter 3 verse 21 tell us baptism does for us?
5. What things were imposed on the followers of God before the reformation?
6. Christianity is not a ritual to be performed, it is what?
7. In Ephesians chapter 2 verse 15 we learn that Jesus abolished in His flesh what?
8. Where do we find the Scripture that says, to obey is better than sacrifice?
9. For by grace are ye saved through _____.
10. The tabernacle that Jesus builds is not made with _____.
11. We find in Acts chapter 17 verse 24 that He is Lord where?
12. What does omnipresent mean?
13. Why did Jesus take on the form of flesh?
14. Where do we find the Scripture that says, The Word was made flesh?
15. What must a high priest do, to be a good high priest?
16. If our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of _____.
17. Jesus purchased our redemption, not with the blood of goats, but by what?
18. Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the _____.
19. What was the difference in the results of the blood of the goat being offered, and the blood of the Lamb of God being offered?
20. Though our sins were crimson red, now are they white as _____.
21. In Revelation chapter 7 verse 14, they had washed their robes in what, and made them white?
22. What 3 things sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh?
23. What purges our conscience from dead works?
24. what 2 things are called corruptible in 1 Peter chapter 1 verse 18?
25. From when had Jesus been foreordained to cleanse us from our unrighteousness with His shed blood?
26. Who is the mediator of the New Testament?
27. When is a will activated?
28. What hope does the resurrection of Jesus bring the Christian?
29. Describe this inheritance from 1 Peter chapter 1 verse 4.
30. How do we collect our inheritance [two words]?
31. How are we justified?
32. Who is the Testator in Hebrews chapter 9 verse 16?

We have been studying in the last lesson that the New Testament is the last will and testament of Jesus Christ to the Christian. We will now begin this lesson in Hebrews 9:18 "Whereupon neither the first [testament] was dedicated without blood."

When Moses put the tablets of the law into the mercy seat, He sprinkled the blood of the animals over everything, to dedicate it to the Lord. The book of the law was a greater volume than just the tablets, we see in the next verses how this covenant of the law given to these people was sealed in blood. Exodus 24:6 "And Moses took half of the blood, and put [it] in basins; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar." Exodus 24:7 "And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient." Exodus 24:8 "And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled [it] on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words."

Hebrews 9:19 "For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people," Hebrews 9:20 "Saying, This [is] the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you."

These people became separated to God through the shedding of this blood. They did not honor God's covenant with them, they went back into sin. We will find that God will make a new and better covenant with man in the following verse. I Peter 1:2 "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied." This blood was the blood of God's own Son. Jesus was obedient to death, and set us aside for His purpose [sanctified]. God knew from the foundation of the world that the law would not be lived up to, and He provided the better covenant of grace through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 9:21 "Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry."

This Scripture tells me, that the area of worship dedicated for worship services, is holy and should not be used for other purposes. This sprinkling of the blood of the Tabernacle and the vessels, set them aside for this use only. The blood cleanses them from their world use, and makes them acceptable to God. There is a great deal about this very thing in Exodus and Leviticus.

Hebrews 9:22 "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."

The first place in the Bible that we see blood shed for the sins of the people, is when God kills the animal and makes clothing for Adam and Eve. Another instance of the blood saving the people is the night in Egypt, when the blood sprinkled over the door post saved the life of the people within. They were covered by the blood and death passed by that house. The very same night the houses that were not protected by the blood, had all the first

born to die. This blood of animals that are sacrificed for the sins of the people is just a shadow of greater things to come when The Word of God took on the form of flesh and became Jesus Christ. Jesus {Saviour} Christ {The Anointed One} shed His precious blood to save all who would believe in Him. You see from this that blood is the saving factor, not just any blood, but the blood of the Lamb of God.

Hebrews 9:23 "It was] therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these."

The Tabernacle in the wilderness was a pattern of the Tabernacle in heaven. You remember that Moses was instructed of God to build it exactly the way He had shown him. The heavenly things in the presence of God were already pure and did not need to be purified. The things to be used in the Tabernacle in the wilderness were things taken from the earth. They were not already pure and must be purified. Some of the things were to be in the Holiest place where God would be, and nothing could be before God that was not pure. Hebrews 8:5 "Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, [that] thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount."

Hebrews 9:24 "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, [which are] the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:"

Christ is even now seated at the right hand of God. He is making intercession for us to the Father. Ephesians 1:20 "Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set [him] at his own right hand in the heavenly [places]," Ephesians 1:21 "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:" Ephesians 1:22 "And hath put all [things] under his feet, and gave him [to be] the head over all [things] to the church," We Christians belong to Jesus. He bought us back and paid for us with His precious blood. We are His, and He represents us before the Father.

Hebrews 9:25 "Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;" Hebrews 9:26 "For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

The very reason that Moses was not allowed to go into the promised land was because he struck the Rock in the wilderness the second time. This Rock symbolized Jesus. You see Christ did not have to be crucified but once. His sacrifice was enough for everyone for all time. I really believe that the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed because the people {even those proclaiming to be Christians} could not be stopped sacrificing. Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice. It was almost as if they thought Jesus' sacrifice was not enough, when they did this. Jesus was the perfect Lamb sacrifice for all time for everyone who would believe. John 1:29 "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." This means all sin was taken away for those who believe. Hebrews 7:27 "Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up

sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself."

Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" Hebrews 9:28 "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

Notice, in the verse above, who Jesus will appear to. He will appear to those who are looking for Him. Reincarnation, which so many are being deceived by, is totally done away with in the verse above. It is appointed unto men once to die. We do not live over and over until we get it right. We have one life on this earth to live, why not live it for your Saviour, Jesus Christ, and share your eternity with Him. Jesus is the judge of all the world. There are only two judgments He makes. Those who have accepted Him as Saviour will be judged His bride, and live in heaven with Him. The others will be judged lost to an eternity in hell. II Thessalonians 1:5 "[Which is] a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:" II Thessalonians 1:6 "Seeing [it is] a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;" II Thessalonians 1:7 "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels," II Thessalonians 1:8 "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:" II Thessalonians 1:9 "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;" II Thessalonians 1:10 "When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day."

There is nothing else to say, but to ask you, are you looking forward to the coming of Christ?

Hebrews Questions 19

1. When Moses put the tables into the Mercy seat, what did he sprinkle the Mercy seat with?
2. What did Moses read before the people?
3. What did these people promise God?
4. When Moses had spoken every precept to the people, what two did he sprinkle with blood?
5. What was the statement he made at that time?
6. What did this sprinkling do for these people?
7. This covenant God made with these people did not last because of the people's sins. What did God do then?
8. What does sanctified mean?
9. When did God plan that He would send grace when the law failed?
10. What does this sprinkling of the Tabernacle mean to our modern church?
11. What two books of the Bible have a great deal to do with the dedication of the Tabernacle and the vessels?
12. Almost all things are by the ___ purged by blood.
13. Without the _____ of _____ there is no remission.
14. Where is the first place in the Bible we see an animal sacrificed for man?
15. Those who had blood over the door in Egypt were spared what terrible plague?
16. The blood of animals being shed for the people is a _____ of Jesus Christ's sacrifice.
17. Who is salvation available to?
18. The Tabernacle in the wilderness was a pattern of what?
19. What had God told Moses to be careful of in building the Tabernacle in the wilderness?
20. Christ did not enter into the holy place made with hands, but where?
21. What is He doing there?
22. Name some of the things from Ephesians that Christ is above.
23. Once, when, did He appear to put away sin.
24. Who did the Rock in the wilderness symbolize?
25. Why was Moses not allowed to go into the promised land?
26. Why did God allow the temple in Jerusalem to be destroyed?
27. What does John call Jesus in John chapter 1 verse 29?
28. What statement in the Bible discredits reincarnation?
29. Who will Jesus appear to?
30. Who is the Judge of the world?
31. What will come to those who trouble Christians?
32. Who will God take vengeance on?
33. Are you looking forward to the coming of Christ?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 10:1 "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, [and] not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect."

There is such a difference in the shadow, and the real, that the shadow comes from. A shadow is a distorted view of the real thing the shadow comes from. These sacrifices were no different. These sacrifices of the blood of animals could not do away with sin. They could only cover the sin. Day of Atonement is the sacrifice mentioned above, when the high priest went into the holy of holies with the blood of an animal for his sins and the sins of the people. For this particular sacrifice, he wore nothing but his white linen garment from head to foot. The plainness of the garment, itself, was telling God that we have nothing within ourselves to offer God. Our only righteousness is in God's forgiving heart. Truly even the garment was symbolic of the robes which the Christians will wear in heaven. They are white because they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb. Colossians 2:17 "Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ." We see here that all the ceremonies were a shadow of Jesus' great sacrifice for us.

Hebrews 10:2 "For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins."

We see clearly that this sacrifice of animal blood on the day of Atonement, did not clear the conscience of the person offering the sacrifice. The sin was still there, it was just covered. It seems that every year, when they sacrificed, they still had the sins of previous years on their conscience. The blood of Jesus washes the sin of the people away, and clears their conscience. Look at the following prophecies of what Jesus' sacrifice did for all of us. Psalms 103:12 "As far as the east is from the west, [so] far hath he removed our transgressions from us." Isaiah 43:25 "I, [even] I, [am] he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." Isaiah 44:22 "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee." Micah 7:19 "He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." You can easily see from this that there is no comparison, between what the sacrifice of these animals' blood could do, and what the sacrifice of Jesus' blood could do.

Hebrews 10:3 "But in those [sacrifices there is] a remembrance again [made] of sins every year."

Exodus 30:10 "And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it [is] most holy unto the LORD." The big problem with this type of sacrifice is that there was no new birth in the person sacrificing, and they went right back into sin after they sacrificed. Notice in the following Scripture the fear that goes along with the remembrance of their past sins. I Kings 17:18 "And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God?"

art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?" What a tremendous difference in their atonement and ours through the blood of Jesus Christ. Matthew 26:28 "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." This prophecy in Scripture of the great sacrifice Jesus made for us explains it so well. Jeremiah 31:34 "And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Hebrews 10:4 "For [it is] not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."

Remember here that neither can the blood of a mere man. If Jesus was no more than a mere man, then you and I are headed for hell. The blood of Jesus was pure, undefiled blood. So many people are saying that Jesus was just a man when He walked on the earth; if He was we who have trusted in His blood saving us would be lost. Jesus was born of a virgin. The Holy thing within Her was the Spirit of the Living God. GOD THE WORD took on the form of flesh and dwelt among us. Matthew 1:23 "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." The blood of animals and man is defiled. This blood shed at Calvary was the blood of the sinless Son of God. Look at the next few Scriptures and see just how angry God had gotten at the people for their sacrifices without true repentance. Isaiah 1:11 "To what purpose [is] the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats." Isaiah 1:12 "When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?" Isaiah 1:13 "Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; [it is] iniquity, even the solemn meeting." Isaiah 1:14 "Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear [them]." Isaiah 1:15 "And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood." You can easily see from this that God was fed up with their form of religion without their heart being in it. We should take a warning from this. In the 3rd chapter of 2 Timothy we read of a similar happening in the last days. Men having a form of religion; we are warned to turn away.

Hebrews 10:5 "Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:"

The He, spoken of here, is Jesus. He took on the form of a body, that He might take our sin on that body. The body of Jesus Christ which took our sin on His body died on the cross. In a figure, sin died on that cross for all who look to Him for salvation. Jesus defeated sin for the Christian on the cross, just as He defeated death, for the Christian, when He rose again. Sacrifice and offering would have been sufficient, if it had changed the heart of the one doing the sacrifice. It did not bring new birth and could not do away with sin, so the person sacrificing went right back into the sinful way of life, until the next day of Atonement. We see that the law could not, and would not, free man from his sinful nature, so God sent us a better plan in His Son Jesus. I Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the

Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

Hebrews 10:6 "In burnt offerings and [sacrifices] for sin thou hast had no pleasure."

God was not disappointed with the sacrifice, as much as He was with the attitude of the people, when they sacrificed. To obey is better than sacrifice. I Samuel 15:22 "And Samuel said, Hath the LORD [as great] delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey [is] better than sacrifice, [and] to hearken than the fat of rams."

Hebrews 10:7 "Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God."

We know that the desire of Jesus was to do the will of the Father. He was obedient even to the death on the cross. Matthew 26:39 "And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou [wilt]." To be the Christian that we should be, we too, must say, not my will O Lord, but thy will be done in me.

Hebrews Questions 20

1. What is the law called in Hebrews chapter 10 verse 1?
2. How often was the sacrifice in Chapter 10 verse 1 done?
3. What was it called?
4. What is a shadow?
5. What was the only thing the sacrifice of an animal's blood could do?
6. What did the high priest wear, when he offered the blood of the animal for his sins and for the peoples' sin in the holy of holies?
7. What did the plainness of this garment symbolize?
8. What were all the ceremonies conducted in the temple symbolic of?
9. Why was the conscience of the person sacrificing not cleared?
10. How far away does Jesus put our sin, that He died for, from us?
11. Where does it say that our sin is blotted out?
12. Why are these Scriptures about Jesus' sacrifice found in the Old Testament?
13. Where is the specific Scripture telling the Hebrews that they were to sacrifice once a year for the sins of the people?
14. What was wrong with this type of sacrificing animals?
15. In first Kings chapter 17 verse 18 what makes the woman afraid?
16. In what prophetic book do we find the promise that all of them will know God and He will remember their sins no more?
17. What is another thing we should remember when we read that the blood of animals cannot do away with sin?
18. If Jesus were no more than mere man, what would happen to us at our death?
19. What makes Jesus' blood different?
20. What name means, God with us?
21. In Isaiah chapter 1 how does God feel about the animal sacrifices?
22. This was a form of religion without what in it?
23. What are we warned of in 2 Timothy chapter 3?
24. Why did Jesus take on the form of a body for His stay on earth?
25. At what point did Jesus defeat sin?
26. At what point did Jesus defeat death?
26. What would have made the sacrifice and offerings acceptable unto God?
27. Where do we find the Scripture that tells us to obey is better than sacrifice?
28. Quote Hebrews chapter 10 verse 7.
29. What lesson can Christians learn from this?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 10:8 "Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and [offering] for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure [therein]; which are offered by the law;"

We discussed in the previous lesson that this was just a formality that the people felt obligated to perform. This type of worship, then and now, is unacceptable unto God. They were going through the motions of worship, but they did not have their heart in it. Notice {neither hadst pleasure therein}. The law seemed to be a set of rules to follow, rather than following God.

Hebrews 10:9 "Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second."

The law, which was first, was impossible for these people to keep, because to them it was just rules of conduct. These sacrifices did not open the way to God. They needed a personal relationship with God. The second, that Jesus provided {the grace of God} opened the access to the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ. Now this was not just rules to keep, but a relationship with God. The will of God, from the beginning, was to fellowship with man. That is why He made man. In the garden of Eden, God walked with Adam in the cool of the evening. We find that several men of God pleased Him by walking with Him. Genesis 6:9 " These [are] the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man [and] perfect in his generations, [and] Noah walked with God." The very best example of man walking with God is when Enoch was walking with God and God took Enoch home with Him. Genesis 5:24 "And Enoch walked with God: and he [was] not; for God took him." Enoch never died, he was walking with God one day and God just took him with him as we said above. I have said this before, but it is true. If you do not enjoy going to church, and being with God, you possibly should take another look at your relationship with God.

Hebrews 10:10 "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once [for all]."

God will not overrule the will of man and save him against his will. The will of man can decide to follow the spirit and live for God, or it can decide to follow the flesh of man and be lost. I John 5:6 "This is he that came by water and blood, [even] Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth." We will see in the next Scripture, that the flesh of Jesus is the Bread of life. John 6:51 "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." Notice in the Scripture that there are actually 3 that bear witness in the verse above and in the following verse. I John 5:8 "And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one." Not just blood came forth from Jesus' side, but water and blood. John 19:34 "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water."

Hebrews 10:11 "And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:"

I will put just one of the Scriptures pertaining to daily sacrifices here. There are far too many to list them all here. This just shows the futility of sacrificing animals' blood that can only cover sin, not do away with sin. Exodus 29:38 "Now this [is that] which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually."

Hebrews 10:12 "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;"

Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Father, because His work was finished. It was finished actually, when He said It is finished, while He was hanging on the cross. I mentioned in an earlier lesson that the very reason God allowed the Temple in Jerusalem to be destroyed, is because they would not stop sacrificing animals. Jesus paid the penalty for sin, for all time, for everyone who will believe and receive Him as their Saviour. To sacrifice, after His perfect sacrifice, would be to say that we did not believe His sacrifice was sufficient to do away with sin.

Hebrews 10:13 "From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool."

Matthew 22:44 "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?" Both of these Scriptures show that at some time Christianity shall reign supreme through Jesus Christ our Lord. Jesus Christ shall then be Lord of lords and King of kings and the Christians shall reign with Him as His subordinates. Jesus has reconciled God to all who will believe, through His shed blood.

Hebrews 10:14 "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."

Sanctified means that we have been made holy in God's sight through the sacrifice of Jesus. Jesus washed us in His blood and made us righteous in God's sight. Another meaning for sanctified is, set aside for God's purpose. We are far from perfect, until we accept Jesus as the perfect Lamb sacrifice for our sins, then we are perfect. It is His shed blood that makes us perfect. Acts 20:32 "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." Notice one more time that this is not the world, this is the family of God.

Hebrews 10:15 "[Whereof] the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before," Hebrews 10:16 "This [is] the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;" Hebrews 10:17 "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."

This is speaking of the 2 houses of Israel. The natural Hebrew and the believers in Christ who had been Gentiles. They are adopted in to the family of God, because they believed in Jesus. Jeremiah 31:33 "But this [shall be] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people." Jeremiah

31:34 "And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." Those who have faith in Jesus Christ are the spiritual descendents of Abraham. Just as Abraham found favor in the sight of God because he had faith, these believed and it was counted unto them as righteousness. Galatians 3:29 "And if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." He does not remember the sins any more because they have been wiped out and they no longer exist. They were washed away in the blood of Jesus.

Hebrews Questions 21

1. What were these sacrifices that the people felt obligated to do?
2. The law seemed to be what, rather than following God?
3. Who is the He, in verse 9 of Hebrews chapter 10?
4. He says, I came to do _____.
5. He taketh away the first that He may _____ the second.
6. Why was the law, and the sacrifices with it, not able to satisfy the people?
7. What does mankind have to have, to have peace in his soul?
8. Who was the first man in the Bible who walked with God?
9. Name 2 other Old Testament men who walked with God?
10. Who was the man who walked with God and never died?
11. We are sanctified through what?
12. What decides whether we follow God or the flesh?
13. What does Jesus call Himself in John chapter 6 verse 51?
14. What are the 3 that bear witness in earth?
15. When the soldier pierced Jesus side, what 2 things came forth?
16. How often were 2 lambs to be offered as sacrifice by the high priest?
17. After Jesus finished His work on earth where did He go?
18. At what moment was Jesus' work finished on the earth?
19. Why did God allow the temple in Jerusalem to be destroyed?
20. To sacrifice after Jesus had been crucified for the sin of the world would be to say what?
21. What are Jesus' enemies to be made?
22. Christianity shall rule supreme sometime through what?
23. Who has Jesus reconciled God the Father to?
24. What are the Christians called in Hebrews chapter 10 verse 14?
25. What does sanctified mean?
26. What makes us perfect in God's sight?
27. What covenant has God made with His followers?
28. Who's seed are the believers in Christ?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 10:18 "Now where remission of these [is, there is] no more offering for sin."

In the last lesson we were speaking of the sacrifice of Jesus Himself, being sufficient to wash away all sin. The blood of animals only covered the sin, but the precious blood of Jesus Christ, abolished sin for those who look to Him for their salvation. Matthew 26:28 "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." This covers what this blood is and this next Scripture, which we had in the last lesson, tells us for how long. Hebrews 10:14 "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." As we said, in the last lesson, it also tells us who this was done for, the sanctified. Sanctified means, set aside for God's purpose, or made holy in God's sight.

Hebrews 10:19 "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus," Hebrews 10:20 "By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;"

This leaves no doubt what the veil into the Holiest place was symbolic of. It was the flesh of Jesus Christ. When Jesus said it is finished, the veil in the temple was torn open from the top to the bottom, showing that Jesus had opened the way to the Father through Him. Matthew 27:51 "And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;" We will see that Jesus opened the way for us into the very throne of God. He is the Door, or our Way. John 10:7 "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." John 10:9 "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." This leaves no doubt that the only way to heaven is through faith in Jesus Christ. Notice, Jesus said No man cometh to the Father, but by Me.

Hebrews 10:21 "And [having] an high priest over the house of God;" Hebrews 10:22 "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

We know that without faith, it is impossible to please God. Our faith is counted unto us as righteousness. Sprinkled, means washed in the blood of the Lamb [Jesus Christ]. Remember from the previous lesson, that the blood of animals could not give them a clear conscience. The blood of Jesus, only, can clear your conscience. If we truly love God, and have a clear conscience in Him, we will want water baptism. Water baptism symbolizes being buried with Jesus and coming out of that watery grave to live a brand new life in Him. This is the new birth. Remember, Jesus saying, You must be born again. I Peter 1:23 "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." John 3:5 "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold fast the profession of [our] faith without wavering; (for he [is] faithful that promised;)"

So many people believe that once you have been baptized, you can go on about your business and God will save you, even if you get back into a sinful way of life. This Scripture above, wipes that theory out. Why would you hold fast, unless there was a possibility of losing it? We read over and over {if we are faithful to the end}. Here is just one Scripture example. Matthew 10:22 "And ye shall be hated of all [men] for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." This Scripture is in red in the Bible, so Jesus is speaking here. Revelation 3:11 "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." This is, also, in red and is Jesus speaking.

Hebrews 10:24 "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:"

Two of Paul's sayings in another book explain this the best. Romans 11:14 "If by any means I may provoke to emulation [them which are] my flesh, and might save some of them." Romans 12:15 "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Brothers and sisters in Christ are like one great big family. We, above all else, should love each other. Paul explains that he tried to live in front of them, so as to set an example for them.

Hebrews 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

This is a problem in our day. People are not going to church regularly. Some of the most used excuses are, I can meet with God anywhere, I don't need to go to church, and those hypocrites down at that church really turn me off. Some sit at home and watch television, saying they do not have proper clothes to go to church, or they are tired and God will understand. We see an example of the gathering to share the Word in the next Scripture. Acts 20:7 "And upon the first [day] of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." You can see the great interest in learning more of God. He preached until midnight. We find a very good reason to go to church in the next Scripture. I Corinthians 1:21 "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

Hebrews 10:26 "For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,"

II Peter 2:20 "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning." II Peter 2:21 "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." We see from this, the seriousness of returning to a sinful way of life, after we have walked in full knowledge of God. When Jesus saved us, we were adopted into the family of God. To turn away from that would be like Esau not regarding his birthright. Our birthright into the family of God provided through Jesus

Christ should be our most valued possession. This is probably not speaking of slipping and unknowingly sinning, this is speaking of willfully going back into a sinful way of life. God is a loving God and a forgiving God. He just wants us to love Him enough that it will not be the desire of our heart to sin.

Hebrews 10:27 "But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries."

As we have said so many times in these lessons, God is concerned with the condition of our heart toward Him. If we have a guilty conscience, we probably have sinned. If we do not place our faith in Jesus Christ our Saviour, we will be like the rest of the world, which the next verse describes very well. Luke 21:26 "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." The sad thing is, that the things that are coming upon the earth, pale by comparison to the horrible fate of the lost at judgment day. Romans 2:15 "Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and [their] thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)" When you look at the bottom line, it is this, our conscience tells us whether we are saved or not. We need no one else to accuse us, we know in our heart what our true relationship with God is.

What if we know in our heart we are lost? I can say one thing, repent and ask God to give you a new life in Him. God will not refuse those who earnestly seek Him.

Hebrews 22 Questions

1. Where remission of these is, there is no more _____ for sin.
2. What one word tells what happened to the sins Jesus died for?
3. In Matthew chapter 26 verse 28, what is Jesus' blood called?
4. How long is the sacrifice of Jesus' blood for sin good?
5. What one word tells us who this sacrifice was for?
6. How do we have boldness to enter into the Holiest place?
7. What was the veil to the Holiest place symbolic of?
8. When did the veil to the temple tear from the top to bottom?
9. What else happened when the veil was torn?
10. What did the veil being torn do for the Christian?
11. What does Jesus call Himself in John chapter 10 verse 7?
12. If any man enter in _____.
13. What 3 things did Jesus call Himself in John chapter 14 verse 6?
14. What is the only way to heaven?
15. Let us draw near with a true _____ in full assurance of faith.
16. Our hearts are to be sprinkled from what?
17. Without _____ it is impossible to please God.
18. What does sprinkled mean?
19. What does water baptism symbolize?
20. What 2 things must a man be born of, to enter the kingdom of God?
21. What does without wavering mean?
22. He that _____ to the end shall be saved.
23. Who are brothers and sisters in Christ?
24. What are we not to forsake doing?
25. What are some of the popular reasons for not going to church?
26. What day of the week did the disciples meet for preaching?
27. What time of night did Paul preach to?
28. What message can we Christians get from this?
29. It pleased God by the foolishness of what to save some?
30. What would it be like if after we are saved, we turn back to a sinful way of life?
31. If we have a guilty _____, we probably have sinned.
32. Why do men's hearts fail them?
33. What must we do if we have sinned?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 10:28 "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:"

Numbers 15:36 "And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses." In Numbers here, and in the Scripture above, we see the swift justice of the Old Testament. It appears to me that if we had some swift justice today, there would be fewer crimes against society. It seems today that sympathy lies with the criminal, in our society. God's law dealt with the criminal in the way it would stop crime. People did not get off, without paying a penalty for their crimes.

Hebrews 10:29 "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"

In the last few lessons, we have been discussing how the grace of God-covenant was so much better than the law-covenant. The blood of animals could not do away with sin, they could only cover the sin. The blood of the precious Son of God washed the sin away. We used the word abolished in the last lesson, and that is the best description of exactly what Jesus did, for all who believe in Him. In verse 29 above, it is explaining just how terrible it is to count this blood sacrifice of the Son of God as nothing of any value. The value that they are regarding it is, in fact, so low that they are trodding it under foot. To not obey the law of God, which was the lesser covenant, was punishable by death. This would imply that there should be a much worse punishment for the total disregard of the grace-covenant which is greater.

Hebrews 10:30 "For we know him that hath said, Vengeance [belongeth] unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people."

We have discussed in these lessons before that the Judge of all the world is Jesus Christ. The desire of every Christian, that I know, is to hear the Lord say {Well done thy good and faithful servant}. We are cautioned over and over not to judge each other, because we will be judged with the same judgment we dish out. We see in this next Scripture that Jesus Christ is the Judge of all. Acts 10:42 "And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God [to be] the Judge of quick and dead." I will give one more Scripture to show that there are more than two witnesses to the fact, that Jesus Christ is Judge. II Corinthians 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, whether [it be] good or bad." These Scriptures leave no doubt that Jesus is the Judge. Romans 12:19 "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but [rather] give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance [is] mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." We see from this that God will take care of whatever punishment should be done, we have no need to take vengeance.

Hebrews 10:31 "[It is] a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

Pharaoh of Egypt was one of many in the Bible who found that it was not good to go against God or God's people. The 10 plagues that came on Egypt, not only showed that Pharaoh was no match for God, but that all the false gods of Egypt were no match for God either. Lucifer, who was the most beautiful angel in heaven, found that he was no match for God. God threw him out of heaven when he rebelled against God. When Moses came down from the mount of God with the 10 Commandments, and found the people practicing idolatry, three thousand people lost their lives in payment for these sins. Exodus 32:28 "And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men." Aaron's 2 sons found that God will severely punish those who disobey Him also. God killed them both for carrying strange fire into the temple.

It is bad for the devil to be attacking you, but you can pray and God will help you if this happens. If you have angered God, and He is punishing you, there is none above Him to call on for help. The best policy, is obey God at the beginning and have no problems. I could go on and on, but I believe the point is made.

Hebrews 10:32 "But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;"

Perhaps, no one had more afflictions to call to remembrance than Paul. Illuminated, in the verse above means, made to see. This next Scripture gives the meaning even more fully. II Corinthians 4:6 "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Remember that this Light shone so brightly on Paul that he was blinded for 3 days, until God miraculously opened his eyes. Paul fought the good fight, but look at some of the things he endured along the way. II Corinthians 11:23 "Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I [am] more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft." II Corinthians 11:24 "Of the Jews five times received I forty [stripes] save one." II Corinthians 11:25 "Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;" II Corinthians 11:26 "[In] journeyings often, [in] perils of waters, [in] perils of robbers, [in] perils by [mine own] countrymen, [in] perils by the heathen, [in] perils in the city, [in] perils in the wilderness, [in] perils in the sea, [in] perils among false brethren;" II Corinthians 11:27 "In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." II Corinthians 11:28 "Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." If Jesus suffered, it is reasonable that His followers would suffer. We are no better than our leader. II Timothy 2:12 "If we suffer, we shall also reign with [him]: if we deny [him], he also will deny us:"

Hebrews 10:33 "Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used."

I Corinthians 4:9 "For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the

world, and to angels, and to men." II Corinthians 12:10 "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." It was not a popular thing to be a follower of Jesus. Many, like Stephen, lost their life following Jesus. Even today, if you are very serious about following Jesus, you are classified as a fanatic. Christianity, is just as unpopular with the world as it was then. We are not stoned, but we are criticized.

Hebrews 10:34 "For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance."

Matthew 5:11 "Blessed are ye, when [men] shall revile you, and persecute [you], and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Matthew 5:12 "Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great [is] your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." This is his way of thanking them for taking care of his needs while he was in prison. This is one Scripture that helps convince me that the penman here is Paul. Paul wrote many letters while he was in prison.

Hebrews 10:35 "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward." Hebrews 10:36 "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."

This is saying, Patiently await the coming of the Lord. Do not stop doing the job God has called you to do. Move forward for God. If we do not move forward for God, we will be going backward. We never stay the same. Christianity involves day to day living. Many people who put a date on the coming of the Lord, lose their faith when He does not come at that time. Our Bible warns us about people who question the coming of the Lord. II Peter 3:3 "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts," II Peter 3:4 "And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as [they were] from the beginning of the creation." Read the rest of 2 Peter chapter 3 to get the full impact of this. The promise is of eternal life with Him. When it happens is not our concern.

Hebrews 10:37 "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

At the time that was established at the foundation of the world, Jesus will come for His bride {Christians}. God is not delaying, but is waiting that one more might repent and be saved before Jesus comes. II Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Hebrews 10:38 "Now the just shall live by faith: but if [any man] draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him."

This is a subject, few can agree on. In my opinion, this Scripture, along with many more in the Bible, states that once we have been saved, we must walk in that salvation. II Peter 2:21 "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." Luke 12:47

"And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not [himself], neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many [stripes]."

Hebrews 10:39 "But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."

Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." The word believeth means to continually believe. I John 5:5 "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" Overcometh means to continually overcome. Perdition above means ruin or loss. Some of the adjectives that describe that loss are; spiritual, eternal, damnable, destruction, die and perish. This shows the severity of going back into a sinful way of life after you have chosen Christianity as your way of life.

Hebrews 23 Questions

1. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under _____ or _____ witnesses.
2. What lesson can our society learn from this?
3. Who has been trodden under foot in Hebrews chapter 10 verse 29?
4. What are 2 other terrible things this person has done in verse 29?
5. What are the 2 covenants God has made with man?
6. Which of the covenants is the better covenant?
7. What is the difference in the 2 sacrifices?
8. What word, completely covers what happened to our sin, when Jesus shed His blood for us?
9. Quote Hebrews Chapter 10 verse 30.
10. Who is the Judge of all the world?
11. What does every Christian want to hear when they stand before God?
12. We must all appear before the judgment seat of _____.
13. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the _____.
14. Name someone who fell into the hands of God, and found out how terrible it can be.
15. How many people lost their lives in one day, when Moses found them practicing idolatry?
16. Which is worse, to have the devil attacking, or to have God attacking you?
17. Who was persecuted almost beyond endurance in the Bible?
18. Name some of the terrible things that happened to him.
19. The responsibility of whom lay heavy on Paul?
20. Who did it seem God had put in last place in popularity?
21. If you are very serious about God today, you are classed as a _____.
22. What is the penman trying to do in verse 34 of chapter 10?
23. What do we have need of, to stay with God to the end?
24. Where do we find the Scripture that says in the end times we will have scoffers asking where is the promise?
25. When was the time of Jesus' return established?
26. What is God called in verse 9 of 2 Peter chapter 3?
27. The just shall live by _____.
28. Once we are saved, we must _____ in that salvation.
29. What does believeth mean?
30. What does perdition mean?

We are about to enter into the one chapter in the Bible that is known as the faith chapter. This chapter has been used more than any other to prove the facts about faith. Take your time with this one, and learn it thoroughly. This chapter will be of great help in your faith walk. We will begin in Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

This verse is a lesson in itself. How many times have you been asked what faith is? Probably you turned to this verse and read it to the one asking the question. Faith, is a knowing, when all the facts are against you. Faith is the opposite of fear. Faith is assurance. A substance is something you could see with your eye or hold in your hand. Notice the substance is not the faith, the substance is the hoped for. Then this is saying, belief in something that you will be able to see later. Evidence is an indication or a sign. This evidence is of something not seen, how can this be? It can be because God said it. Anything you can see takes no faith to believe. Then what is this faith? This is believing that what God promised, He will do. Jesus told Thomas, blessed are those who did not see but believed. John 20:29 "Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed [are] they that have not seen, and [yet] have believed." Romans 8:24 "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?" Romans 8:25 "But if we hope for that we see not, [then] do we with patience wait for [it]." You see, faith in our heart in Jesus Christ is what saves us. Read Romans chapter 10 verses 9 and 10. Abraham believed and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Hebrews 11:2 "For by it the elders obtained a good report."

We will find that many of the elders who obtained a good report were not perfect men, they were believers. Their great faith in God made them right in His sight.

Hebrews 11:3 "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

The very first Scripture in the Bible tells us how the earth came to be. Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." This one statement, kills so many of the theories that man has about who or what to worship. This destroys the teaching of ultimately becoming. It also kills the theory that we should worship things of nature, because the Creator is always greater than the thing He creates. God actually spoke the worlds into existence from nothing. The Word of God created. John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:2 "The same was in the beginning with God." John 1:3 "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." We will give one more Scripture on this for another witness to the fact, God made the world. Acts 17:24 "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;"

Hebrews 11:4 "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh."

With this verse, we begin examples of those, who found favor in God's sight, by faith. Cain and Abel were the 2 sons of Adam and Eve. In the following verses we will see the reason Abel was found righteous. Genesis 4:3 "And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD." Genesis 4:4 "And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:" Genesis 4:5 "But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell." We could read on and find that Cain killed Abel. The part of this that has to do with this, however, is the fact, that Abel's offering was an offering acceptable to God. Genesis 4:10 "And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground."

Hebrews 11:5 "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

The next three Scriptures will give a little more on this. It really seems that while Enoch was out walking with God one day, God just took him on home with Him. Genesis 5:22 "And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:" Genesis 5:23 "And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:" Genesis 5:24 "And Enoch walked with God: and he [was] not; for God took him." Notice the number of years that Enoch lived is the same number of days as a year on our calendar. This catching away of Enoch is pretty much the same as the catching away of the Christians that are alive when the Lord comes back to get us.

Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

This may be one of the most important statements in the Bible. If you do not believe in Jesus, then how could He be your Saviour? There are so many Scriptures that explain how important it is for us to earnestly seek God. He is available to those who will accept Him. He will not force Himself on you, you must accept Him of your own free will. Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" This Scripture explained it so well. Salvation through Jesus Christ is a free gift. The only way to have any gift, is to reach out and take it. Salvation must be received. John 3:18 "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Let us look at one or two more Scriptures showing that belief in Jesus Christ is the only way we can make it to heaven. Romans 10:14 "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" You can easily see from this that you can not even pray if you do not believe in Jesus. The only prayer that makes it through to heaven, is the prayer you pray in the name of Jesus. How can you pray in a name you do not believe in. You see the futility of this. We find the way to heaven is in the same name that we must pray in. The next Scripture is Jesus speaking, because it is in

red in the Bible. John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Hebrews 11:7 "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."

The really important thing about the great flood that God warned Noah of, is that it would be the first rain that had ever fallen on the earth. Noah, when warned by God of the impending flood, started building the ark. We have a friend who sings a song, that says, It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark. What a foolish thing to do in the sight of the world. The neighbors probably thought that Noah had lost his mind. How would this boat be of any earthly use without water to float it on? When we examine the Scriptures pertaining to this, we do not find that Noah's wife's faith or the faith of the three sons was mentioned. It seems that they were saved because of Noah's great faith. One very important lesson to learn from this, is that Noah was saved in the flood, not from the flood. It rained on Noah too. Noah's obedience to God saved his family and himself. God will not save us from tribulation either, He will save us in it. Notice also that the righteousness that Noah had, was faith in God. I will give just a few Scriptures on this for your consideration. Genesis 6:13 "And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." Genesis 6:22 "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he." Genesis 7:1 "And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation." Genesis 7:5 "And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him." Genesis 7:23 "And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained [alive], and they that [were] with him in the ark." There is a lesson for us in this. When we believe with all our heart in the Lord Jesus Christ and are obedient, even in the face of ridicule from our friends, He will save us. Our faith in Him will save us.

Hebrews 24 Questions

1. What is the faith chapter in the Bible?
2. Faith is the substance of what?
3. Faith is the evidence of what?
4. What is the opposite of faith?
5. What is evidence?
6. Who did Jesus tell Thomas would be blessed?
7. What a man seeth, why doth he yet ____ for.
8. Abraham _____ and it was counted unto him for righteousness.
9. How were the worlds framed?
10. What 2 false teachings are completely wiped out with {In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth}?
11. In what Scripture do we find that the Word of God created all things?
12. God dwelleth not in _____ made with _____.
13. Which brother's gift was more acceptable to God; Cain or Abel?
14. Who were Cain and Abel?
15. What did Cain do to his brother Abel?
16. Who was translated that he did not see death?
17. What is an interesting thing about the number of years Enoch lived?
18. What does this catching away of Enoch remind us of?
19. He that cometh to God must believe that He __ and that He is a rewarder of whom?
20. How can Jesus be your Saviour if you do not believe in Him?
21. Ask and it shall be _____.
22. Seek and ye shall _____.
23. Knock and it shall be _____ unto you.
24. He that believeth not is condemned, why?
25. How shall they call on Him in whom they have not _____?
26. What is the only way to get a prayer through to heaven?
27. What 3 things did Jesus call Himself in John chapter 14 verse 6?
28. How did Noah know to build an ark?
29. What made this building of the ark, seem so strange?
30. Who was saved with Noah?
31. Why were they saved?
32. Noah was saved _____ the flood, not _____ the flood.
33. It wasn't _____ when Noah built the ark.
34. What was destroyed by the flood?
35. What lesson can we learn from Noah?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 11:8 "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."

When God called Abraham to follow Him, Abram [as he was known by then] lived in Ur of the Chaldees. Abram was not from a God fearing family. Abram's father had been an idolater. Ur was a city of great wealth. Abram's family was thought by historians to be very well to do. Historians say that he probably lived in a house with at least 16 rooms. Abram would never live in a house again. He would wander, living in tents, looking for a city whose maker is God. Let us look first at the call God made on Abram. Genesis 12:1 "Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:" Genesis 12:4 "So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram [was] seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran." The remarkable thing in this to me, is that God told him to leave his homeland, and he did without even questioning. Look in the next verses what God promised him. Genesis 17:1 "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I [am] the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect." Genesis 17:2 "And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly." Genesis 17:3 "And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying," Genesis 17:4 "As for me, behold, my covenant [is] with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations." Genesis 17:5 "Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee." Genesis 17:6 "And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee." These promises to Abraham go much further than just making him a father of many nations. It also promises the land of Israel will be an everlasting inheritance as well. We read in the next verse, what made Abraham righteous in God's sight. Genesis 15:6 "And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness."

Hebrews 11:9 "By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as [in] a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:" Hebrews 11:10 "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker [is] God."

The important thing in all of this is that Abraham believed God. This is the most important thing in our life as well. We must stop looking at homes and things here on the earth and look for the home in heaven which God has provided for all who believe. This city Abraham was looking for was the new Jerusalem that comes down from God out of heaven. II Corinthians 5:1 "For we know that if our earthly house of [this] tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Revelation 21:2 "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

Hebrews 11:11 "Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised."

Genesis 17:17 "Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall [a child] be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?" This seemed so strange because Sarah had already gone through the change of life. The thing that she and Abraham had forgotten is that you have to have an impossibility, before you can have a miracle. This is not a child of the flesh. This is a miracle baby. This is Abraham's and Sarah's child of promise from God. He is of the spirit, not of the flesh. We see here that Sarah had faith that what God said, He would do. Sarah had the baby because she believed God's promise.

Hebrews 11:12 "Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, [so many] as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable."

This came to pass in the physical house of Israel {descended from Abraham}. We know that close to 3 million descendents of Abraham came out of Egypt and went to the holy land. Even more than this is the spiritual descendents of Abraham {the believers in Christ}. Galatians 3:29 "And if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." We see the number of this group of believers are so great they are beyond number in Revelation 7:9 "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;" Now let us see for sure who this large group is. Revelation 7:13 "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?" Revelation 7:14 "And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." God does not lie, He fulfilled His promise to Abraham.

Hebrews 11:13 "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of [them], and embraced [them], and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

Abraham was aware that there would come a redeemer to the world. As I have expressed, I believe Abraham got a glimpse of what was to happen in Melchizedek. In the next few Scriptures, we will find that Jesus went to hell and preached to those who had not had the opportunity to know Him. They believed and He brought them out with Him. I Peter 3:18 "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:" I Peter 3:19 "By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;" I Peter 3:20 "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." Ephesians 4:8 "Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men." Even today, in Israel, the holy men are looking for the coming Messiah. He had been promised since the third chapter of Genesis. These men of the Old Testament were not living when Jesus did come as Saviour, but they knew He would come and they believed. I Chronicles 29:14 "But who [am] I, and what [is] my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things [come] of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." I Chronicles 29:15 "For we [are] strangers before thee, and

sojourners, as [were] all our fathers: our days on the earth [are] as a shadow, and [there is] none abiding." This is the fate of all mankind. Our days on the earth are but a blink of the eye compared to all of eternity. We too, should be looking for that city whose maker is God.

Hebrews 11:14 "For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country."

The earth is not our home, we are just passing through. The Christian is homesick for heaven, our home. We are in the world, but we are not of the world. II Corinthians 5:1 "For we know that if our earthly house of [this] tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." II Corinthians 5:2 "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:" II Corinthians 5:3 "If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked." The clothing that we shall wear is the white linen robe of righteousness that has been washed in the blood of the Lamb. II Corinthians 5:4 "For we that are in [this] tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life." II Corinthians 5:5 "Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing [is] God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit." II Corinthians 5:6 "Therefore [we are] always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:" II Corinthians 5:7 "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)" I will give just one more Scripture that shows what happens to us at what is commonly known as death. I Corinthians 15:54 "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."

What can I say to add to this? The victory for every Christian is to shed this flesh and blood and go in our spiritual body to our home in heaven with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hebrews 25 Questions

1. Abraham _____ God and went to a land, not knowing where he was going.
2. What was Abraham's name before God changed it?
3. What religious background did Abraham's father have?
4. Describe the city of Ur.
5. Abraham probably lived in a house with how many rooms?
6. Where would Abraham live?
7. What was Abraham looking for?
8. When God called Abraham, what did He tell him to do?
9. How did Abram respond?
10. How old was Abram when he departed Haran?
11. Who went with Abram?
12. What does the author believe to be remarkable about this?
13. How old was Abram in Genesis chapter 17 verse 1?
14. Who did the Lord tell Abram He was?
15. What was Abram to do for the blessings?
16. What covenant promises did God make to Abraham?
17. Why did God change his name to Abraham?
18. What made Abraham righteous in God's sight?
19. What 2 other men were mentioned through whom the blessings would come?
20. What is this city , Abraham was looking for?
21. What lesson is in this for us?
22. We know if this earthly tabernacle were dissolved, we would have what?
23. Where does new Jerusalem come from?
24. What is new Jerusalem compared to?
25. How did Sara receive strength to conceive in her old age?
26. Who was her confidence in?
27. How old was Abraham and Sarah when she had the baby Isaac?
28. To have a miracle what must the circumstances be?
29. In Hebrews chapter 11 verse 12 we see Abraham's descendents number how many?
30. How many physical descendents of Abraham came out of Egypt?
31. Who are an even greater number than that of his descendents {spiritual}?
32. What did Abraham's seed say they were in Hebrews chapter 11 verse 13?
33. When Jesus preached in hell, what happened?
34. Who are the holy men in Israel looking for today?
35. What are days on earth described as in 1 Chronicles chapter 29 verse 15?
36. The earth is not our _____.
37. Christians are _____ this world, but not _____ this world.
38. What will Christians wear in heaven?
39. Whilst we are at home in the body, we are _____ from the Lord.
40. What must this mortal put on for our stay in heaven?
41. What is victory for the Christian?

We need to repeat a Scripture from the last lesson, so that we will know what we are speaking of. Hebrews 11:13 "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of [them], and embraced [them], and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." Hebrews 11:14 " For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country." Hebrews 11:15 "And truly, if they had been mindful of that [country] from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned."

We see in this, that Abraham, and those with him, were not driven out of the land. Abraham, left by choice. He could have gone back at any time. Abraham was following God's instruction when he left. The only way he would have come back, is if, God sent him back. We can see here, that if Abraham had been constantly looking back, and wishing for what he had in Ur, God could not have used him.

Hebrews 11:16 "But now they desire a better [country], that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

Christians must realize that this is not our home here on earth any more. The home we are looking for is in heaven. We are told by Jesus Himself not to lay up our treasures here, but to lay them up in heaven. Matthew 6:19 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:" Matthew 6:20 "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:" We see in the next few verses that Jesus Christ is even now in heaven preparing a place for the Christians. Heaven is our eternal home. John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." John 14:2 "In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also."

Hebrews 11:17 "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten [son],"

We spoke in the Genesis lessons, how Abraham offering up his only son Isaac, was a type and shadow of God the Father offering up His only Son Jesus Christ. The shadow is never exactly like the happening the shadow was made from. In this particular instance, Abraham was stopped by someone greater than himself. When the Father God offered up His Son there was no greater to stop Him. If you would like to read more on this, you can find the details in chapter 22 of Genesis.

Hebrews 11:18 "Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:"

Abraham had two sons, one by Sarah and the other by Hagar the servant girl. God did not carry out the promises He had made to Abraham through Hagar's son Ishmael. Ishmael is spoken of as Abraham's son of the flesh. Isaac, who was Abraham's son by Sarah was the miracle son of the spirit. God

passed the blessings of Abraham down through Isaac, not Ishmael. Genesis 17:19 "And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, [and] with his seed after him." Romans 9:7 "Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, [are they] all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called." We can see in this Scripture from Romans that this blessing was not to be passed down through all of Abraham's sons, but just through Isaac.

Hebrews 11:19 "Accounting that God [was] able to raise [him] up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure."

This is speaking of the fact that Isaac was as good as dead the three days on the journey. It was as if God had raised him from the dead, when God stopped Abraham from sacrificing him. Here, again, we see a shadow of the three days that Jesus' body was in the tomb. Abraham had faith that even if he did sacrifice him that God would raise him from the dead.

Hebrews 11:20 "By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come."

We find two totally different types of blessings that Isaac blessed his two sons with. Jacob got the right hand blessing, which is the best blessing. The right hand blessing is the blessing in the spirit. Esau received the left hand blessing, which was a flesh blessing. You will quickly see the difference in the blessings in the next few verses. We will look at Isaac's blessings first. Genesis 27:28 "Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:" Genesis 27:29 "Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed [be] every one that curseth thee, and blessed [be] he that blesseth thee." Genesis 28:3 "And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;" Genesis 28:4 "And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham." Now look at the marked difference in Esau's blessings. Genesis 27:37 "And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?" Genesis 27:39 "And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;" Genesis 27:40 "And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck."

Hebrews 11:21 "By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, [leaning] upon the top of his staff."

This is probably one of the most distinct blessing differences of the right hand and left hand in all of the Bible. Joseph had brought both of his sons to be blessed by Jacob. Joseph deliberately placed Mannaseh where he would get the right hand blessing, because he was the oldest son. We see though, that God and Jacob had other plans. Jacob crossed his hands on purpose {the Bible says wittingly} and gave Ephraim the right hand blessing. The word Ephraim means double fruit. That is exactly what happened, Ephraim got the preferential blessing, or the double blessing. As we said above, the

right hand blessing, was in fact, the spiritual blessing. Let us look again at these two very different blessings. Genesis 48:13 "And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought [them] near unto him." Genesis 48:14 "And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid [it] upon Ephraim's head, who [was] the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh [was] the firstborn." Genesis 48:15 "And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day," Genesis 48:16 "The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth." Genesis 48:17 "And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head." Genesis 48:18 " And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this [is] the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head." Genesis 48:19 "And his father refused, and said, I know [it], my son, I know [it]: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations." Genesis 48:20 "And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh." We see in this that Joseph made the sign of the cross, when he touched the boys and blessed them. I truly believe that this is really saying that the law, which was first, was not the right hand blessing. The gift of grace, which was the younger, was the best blessing. God blesses whom he will. when He will. To find out more about Ephraim and Manasseh, read the study in Genesis. This Scripture of the younger being blessed with the right hand blessing and the one we previously read have to do with the Jews and Christians. We Christians are blessed through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 11:22 "By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones."

Joseph knew that the children of Israel were sojourners in a foreign land. He knew that some time in the future, his people would return to the land God had promised Abraham as an inheritance for his descendents. Even though this would be a very long time later, Joseph made them take an oath to take his bones with them when they went to the promised land. Genesis 50:24 "And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." Genesis 50:25 "And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence." Exodus 13:19 "And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straightly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you." Joshua 24:32 "And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph."

Hebrews 26 Questions

1. Abraham was not driven out of the land of Ur of the Chaldees but went out _____.
2. If Abraham had been constantly looking back, longing to return, God _____.
3. God hath prepared for him a _____.
4. Where is the Christian's home?
5. Where are we to lay up our treasures?
6. Where do we find the Scripture that tells us that Jesus is building us a place in heaven?
7. By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up _____.
8. What was this that Abraham did a type and shadow of?
9. What was the difference in Abraham offering Isaac up, and God the Father offering up Jesus?
10. Who would the blessings of Abraham flow through?
11. Who was the mother of Isaac?
12. Who was the mother of Ishmael?
13. Which son did God establish Abraham's covenant with?
14. Hebrews chapter 11 verse 19 tells us that Abraham believed what would happen if he sacrificed Isaac?
15. What was the three day journey of Abraham and Isaac symbolic of?
16. Why was the right hand blessing better than the left hand blessing?
17. What would Ishmael and his descendents always be to Isaac and his descendents?
18. Who did Joseph bring to his father for him to bless?
19. What was strange about the blessings of the 2 boys?
20. What angered Joseph about the blessings?
21. What does Ephraim mean?
22. What sign did Jacob make when he blessed the boys?
23. What does the author believe is symbolically shown here?
24. What commandment did Joseph make to the children of Israel before he died?
25. What did they do with Joseph's bones?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 11:23 "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw [he was] a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment."

We find in the next few Scriptures that the Pharaoh of Egypt had ordered all the boy babies, born of the Hebrews to be killed at birth. Exodus 1:16 "And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see [them] upon the stools; if it [be] a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it [be] a daughter, then she shall live." Exodus 1:22 "And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive." We go into great detail of this study in the study in Exodus. I will say here that the midwives were more afraid of God than they were of the Pharaoh and they refused to kill the children. If they were found out or if the parents went against Pharaoh and saved their child's life, they would be killed. This does not stop Moses' mother and dad. they hid Moses for as long as they could, and then they come up with a plan to have Pharaoh's daughter find the child in the Nile river. They feel, if this is her adopted child, he will not be killed. Exodus 2:2 "And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he [was a] goodly [child], she hid him three months." This woman who had the child was Jochabed, the wife of Amram. Moses was raised in the palace as a son of the Pharaoh's daughter, after she had taken him from the Nile. The Pharaoh's daughter actually named Moses. Moses, means drawing out of the water.

Hebrews 11:24 "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;"

Acts 7:21 "And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son." Acts 7:22 "And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds." Acts 7:23 "And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel." Acts 7:24 "And seeing one [of them] suffer wrong, he defended [him], and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:" We find in these Scriptures above and in the ones in Exodus that Moses, like many adopted children in our day, try to find their natural parents. Moses was raised as an Egyptian, but he knew his heritage. He wanted to be one of the Hebrews of whom he was born. When Moses saw one of the Egyptians persecuting one of his Hebrew brothers, Moses killed the Egyptian. This is when Moses left Egypt and went to the desert where he would later meet God.

Hebrews 11:25 "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;"

You can plainly see, that when given the choice, he chose to be a Hebrew, not an Egyptian.

Hebrews 11:26 "Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward."

To be an Egyptian, would be to be of this world. Actually what Moses has done, when he turns his back on Egypt, is turn his back on the world to

accept God. The Hebrews, even though they were not living the godly life, were still God's chosen people. Even the Egyptians knew that the Hebrews were followers of the true God. There are no riches in this world great enough to trade eternal life for. Jeremiah 9:23 "Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise [man] glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty [man] glory in his might, let not the rich [man] glory in his riches:" Jeremiah 9:24 "But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I [am] the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these [things] I delight, saith the LORD."

Hebrews 11:27 "By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible."

Moses left Egypt, I believe, in search of God. We know that the Scriptures tell us that Moses fled for fear the Pharaoh would find that he had killed an Egyptian and have Moses killed. Sometimes God allows adverse things to happen, to get us into a place He would have us to be. To fall from being the Pharaoh's grandson to a fugitive from the law, would really humble a person. We are told in Scriptures that Moses was the most humble man that ever lived. Moses would go into this desert place to find refuge, but here he would meet God. Moses would be in this desert for 40 years {time of testing}. In that 40 years, Moses would become a different man than the man who had lived in the Pharaoh's house. He would be an humble shepherd. God appears unto Moses in a burning bush and gives him the job of bringing his people out of Egypt to the promise land. Moses is obedient to God, goes back to Egypt and tells the Pharaoh to let God's people go. After 10 plagues come on Egypt, the Pharaoh will finally consent and let the people go.

Hebrews 11:28 "Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them."

The tenth plague was death to all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, who did not have the blood of the lamb over the door of the house. Moses told the Hebrews to take the blood of the lamb and put it over and around the entrance of their houses. When death came to each house, the people were spared in the houses where the blood of the lamb had been applied to the door facing. Death passed over the Hebrew families, protected by the blood of the lamb. This passing over of death would be remembered throughout all generations by the Hebrews as the Passover. All the firstborn of Egypt lost their life, because they were not covered by the blood of the lamb. Moses believed God. Moses instructed these Hebrews exactly the way that God had told him. The faith of Moses in God is why he did it.

Hebrews 11:29 "By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry [land]: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned."

After Pharaoh had let the Hebrews go, he changed his mind and followed after them to kill them. He trapped them at the Red sea. It appeared that everyone would die, but God opened the Red sea and the Hebrews crossed over on dry land. The Egyptians followed the Hebrews into the Red sea and the sea drowned the Egyptians. Exodus 14:13 "And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more for ever." Exodus 14:14 "The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." Exodus 14:16 "But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch

out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry [ground] through the midst of the sea." Exodus 14:21 "And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go [back] by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry [land], and the waters were divided." Exodus 14:22 "And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry [ground]: and the waters [were] a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left." Exodus 14:23 "And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, [even] all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen." Exodus 14:24 "And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians," Exodus 14:25 "And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians." Exodus 14:26 "And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." Exodus 14:27 "And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea." Exodus 14:28 "And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, [and] all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them." Exodus 14:29 "But the children of Israel walked upon dry [land] in the midst of the sea; and the waters [were] a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left." Exodus 14:30 "Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore." This needs no further explanation.

Hebrews 27 Questions

1. How long did Moses' parents hide him?
2. What had the king commanded about the boy babies?
3. What were the midwives to do when they realized the baby was a boy?
4. Did they do it?
5. What could have happened to these parents if Pharaoh found out they did not kill the baby?
6. Why did Moses' parents put him in a basket in the Nile river?
7. Who were the parents of Moses?
8. Who found Moses and claimed him for her own?
9. When Moses became grown, who did he refuse to be?
10. How old was Moses when he decided to find his Hebrew people?
11. What did Moses do when he saw an Egyptian being cruel to a Hebrew?
12. When Moses came to the age of choice, what did he decide to do?
13. What is Egypt symbolic of?
14. What was Moses actually doing when he fled Egypt?
15. What happened to Moses that was a great humbling experience?
16. Moses would go into this desert place for refuge, but here he would meet_____.
17. How many years would Moses be in this desert?
18. What is this time symbolic of?
19. How many plagues did God send on Egypt?
20. How did Moses keep the first Passover?
21. What was the Passover to remember?
22. Why were the Hebrews saved when death came to their door?
23. What happened to the first born of Egypt?
24. By _____ they passed through the Red sea.
25. What happened to the Egyptians when they followed the Hebrews into the Red sea?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 11:30 "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days."

We have been looking at the great men of the Bible, and what made them great. It seems that in every situation it is their faith that makes them great. They are not like most men, but they have more faith than their fellows. We see in this verse above an act of faith that seems so foolish to an outsider. The children of Israel were to march around the city wall one time each day for 6 days. On the seventh day, they were to walk around 7 times. They were promised if they did exactly as God had told them the walls of the city would fall down. Joshua 6:3 "And ye shall compass the city, all [ye] men of war, [and] go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days." Joshua 6:4 "And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets." Joshua 6:5 "And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long [blast] with the ram's horn, [and] when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him." Remember that this was close to 3 million people. What a shout this would be. Seven means spiritually complete. It is very important that they did not vary at all in the instructions that God had given them and the walls did fall down. Joshua 6:20 "So the people shouted when [the priests] blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city." The Ark of the Covenant with them represented the fact that God was with them, even leading them. If God is for us we should not fear. He is our Refuge. We need no worldly weapons to win the war. II Corinthians 10:4 "(For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)" II Corinthians 10:5 "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" Our weapon is the two-edged Sword {the Bible} the Word of God.

Hebrews 11:31 "By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace."

Rahab had taken her place on the side of God. God will not forget those who fight for Him. We see the reward that Rahab and her family received because she befriended God's spies. Joshua 6:23 "And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel."

Hebrews 11:32 "And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and [of] Barak, and [of] Samson, and [of] Jephthae; [of] David also, and Samuel, and [of] the prophets:"

We find in this Scripture some men of great faith. Gideon was called of God to raise an army to fight God's enemies. We find in Gideon, a reluctant soldier. Gideon did not feel that he was of family background capable of working for God. God chose him anyway. Gideon is well known for the fleece

he laid before God. Gideon was not sure that God was talking to him and he laid this fleece to be sure. It was God, and Gideon stopped doubting and agreed to fight the battle for God. There were over 3 thousand Israelites who came to fight on the side of the Lord. God had Gideon to send all of the fearful and unbelieving home. At the end there were only 300 men to come against this huge army of God's enemies. God proved to Gideon and to all the world that just a few on the side of God are a multitude and can win any battle. God has directed them to participate in. Judges 7:7 "And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the [other] people go every man unto his place." This tells it all. I can do anything that God has called me to do, regardless of the odds against it. Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

In the days of Barak, Deborah was a judge in the land. We will see in the next verses that Deborah and Barak fought for God and won the battle. Judges 4:8 "And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, [then] I will not go." Judges 4:9 "And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh." Judges 5:12 "Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam."

We find in the next name Samson. Samson, like many ministers, was not perfect, but his last act was to kill the enemies of God. His weakness was women. We all remember the story of how he was tricked and lost his hair. The Philistines punched his eyes out and worked him like a farm animal. He became strong again as his hair grew out and he prayed to God to kill these enemies of God. We will see in the next verses what happened. Judges 16:28 "And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes." Judges 16:29 "And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left." Judges 16:30 "And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with [all his] might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that [were] therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than [they] which he slew in his life."

Judges 11:1 "Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he [was] the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah." Judges 11:32 "So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD delivered them into his hands." Jephthah made a rash vow and his daughter was killed for it. Judges 12:7 "And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in [one of] the cities of Gilead."

King David was the beloved of God. Next to Christ, it seems he was the most loved of God. David reigned in Israel for 40 years after the fall of Saul. One of the mighty things that David did was fighting Goliath. David was just a lad when he slew the giant Goliath in the name of the Lord. David was a valiant man of war. He fought against God's enemies. God loved David and even said that the only thing He had against David was killing Uriah for his wife Bathsheba. I Kings 15:5 "Because David did [that which was] right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any [thing] that he

commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite."

Samuel was a gift of God to his mother Hannah. She promised if God would give her a man child, she would give him to God all the days of his life. As soon as Samuel was weaned he was brought to Eli for training in the Lord's ways. Samuel was one of the greatest judges. God spoke to him personally and Samuel foretold of the fall of the house of Eli. Samuel was bold in speaking out against the idolatry of the people turning them back to Jehovah.

The prophets of old spoken of here are possibly Isaiah, Jeremiah. Elijah, Elisha, Daniel and others of this stature. The strength of these men in the face of death is one of the things that set them aside. They never faltered in their belief, even if it cost them their life. Many of them were called in their youth, and many were martyred for Their belief in God.

Now we see the things that set these men aside from the others. their valiant stand against evil, is what set them aside from ordinary people. They believed God, and it was counted unto them for righteousness, like Abraham. Hebrews 11:33 "Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions," Hebrews 11:34 "Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." These were really just ordinary people like you and me who had an extraordinary amount of faith in God. They believed, if God asked them to do something, they could do it. Where are our believers like this today?

Hebrews 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

Even these women who received their dead raised to life, were operating in an overwhelming amount of faith. Romans 8:17 "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and jointheirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together." Many men and women who would not deny Christ, died for their belief. The wonderful promise to all who suffer for Christ, is that we will reign with Him. I Corinthians 4:12 "And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:" Matthew 5:11 "Blessed are ye, when [men] shall revile you, and persecute [you], and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Matthew 5:44 "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;" Luke 6:28 "Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you." If we are to be like our leader, Jesus Christ, then we will be all of the above. We are not better than our master.

Hebrews 11:36 "And others had trial of [cruel] mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:"

Paul himself, was the very best example of suffering all these particular persecutions except for Jesus. All of these are nothing compared to the wonderful things God has planned for us in heaven.

Hebrews 11:37 "They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;"

We know, that history tells us, that Isaiah was sawed in two for belief in God. We also know that John the Baptist was beheaded for his belief. If you look at the true followers of God in the Bible, nearly all of them were under terrible persecution for their belief in the Father God or Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 11:38 "(Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and [in] mountains, and [in] dens and caves of the earth."

Moses was a wanderer in the desert. David hid in a cave to keep from killing Saul. This is just an example of the troubles of many followers of God.

Hebrews 11:39 "And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:"

These all believed in Messiah. They were looking for a city whose maker was God. As we said, they all believed and it was counted unto them as righteousness.

Hebrews 11:40 "God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."

To be perfect, we must be in Christ. Jesus Christ came after their time on earth. We have the opportunity to be perfect in the sight of God through the shed blood of His son Jesus Christ. We are not perfect in ourselves, we are perfect, washed in the blood of Jesus Christ. We have taken on His righteousness so that we might be acceptable in the sight of the Father. Philippians 3:9 "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:"

Hebrews 28 Questions

1. By _____ the walls of Jericho fell down.
2. How many days did they walk around the walls of Jericho?
3. What was unusual about the last day?
4. What were they to do after the priest blew the trumpet?
5. How many people walked around the walls of Jericho?
6. What did the Ark of the Covenant represent?
7. The weapons of our warfare are not _____.
8. What is the Christian's weapon?
9. What was the harlot's name that was saved?
10. Why was she saved?
11. Who was saved with her?
12. What unusual thing did Gideon do?
13. How many soldiers did God let him keep out of the more than 3 thousand that came to fight?
14. Who was a judge in the land in the days of Barak?
15. What did Barak tell her about the war?
16. How can we relate Samson to many ministers today?
17. What was Samson's weakness?
18. What had the Philistines done to Samson?
19. What was Samson's last act of valor?
20. Who was Jephthah?
21. What was caused by a rash vow he took?
22. King David was the _____ of God.
23. What was the only thing that God had against David?
24. Who was Samuel's mother?
25. What did she promise God about Samuel?
26. Who trained Samuel in the ways of God?
27. Name some of the prophets of old.
28. Name some of the things these men of old did.
29. What did these women who received their dead back to life have?
30. What promise do we find in Matthew chapter 5 verse 11?
31. If we are to be like Jesus, what are some of the things we will endure?
32. Who was one of the best examples of suffering besides Christ?
33. How did all of these obtain a good report?
34. How is the only way anyone can be perfect?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 12:1 "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,"

These witnesses that are watching every thing you do and say, can easily be won over to Jesus, if you live the Christian life before them every day. The best sermon any of us can preach, is the one we live. Christianity, is a turning away from the old habits, and allowing Jesus to live in you. This next Scripture explains it better. Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Romans 2:7 "To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:" When a person truly loves Jesus, it is no longer a chore to do good things. It is the desire of their heart to do good things. These next few verses of Scripture really tell us what the difference is. We are not part of the dark side of life, if we are a Christian, we are of the Light {Jesus Christ}. Romans 13:12 "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." Romans 13:13 "Let us walk honestly, as I the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying." Romans 13:14 "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to [fulfil] the lusts [thereof]." The flesh is opposed to God. The battle going on in every person is between listening to the sinful flesh or listening to the spirit. If we belong to Jesus, then we have put our flesh under the control of the spirit. I Corinthians 9:27 " But I keep under my body, and bring [it] into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." These 3 Scriptures tell us what it is necessary to do to be able to walk the Christian life every day. Notice in these verses that the Christian has a free will in this, and must will, to do this. Ephesians 4:22 "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;" Ephesians 4:23 "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;" Ephesians 4:24 "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Have we become a Christian to the extent this is speaking of?

Hebrews 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

This very thing is what disturbs me about the casual attitude most believers have about Jesus Christ. We must first realize who Jesus is. He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the Word of God which created the entire world, and everything in it. He created you and me. He is not only the Author of our salvation, but he is the Author of our life as well. He was Creator God. John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:2 "The same was in the beginning with God." John 1:3 "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." He loved us enough to, suffer on the cross for us, because we were His creation. He bought us back with His precious blood. We belong to Him. If we have accepted Him as our Saviour and Lord, we

are not our own, we are His. The contract says paid in full. He is seated at the right hand of the Father because His work is finished, it was finished on the cross, and at His resurrection. He defeated sin, when He took sin on His body on the cross. Sin died for the believer on the cross, when Jesus said it is finished. Death was defeated when Jesus rose from the grave. IT IS FINISHED.

Hebrews 12:3 "For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

At one point, the non believers, even said that Jesus was of the devil. What a terrible accusation to make to the Son of God. Even those who were astonished at the miracles Jesus did, thought He was someone else. Even today, people speak of Jesus as a man. The real problem then, and now, is in realizing who this Jesus Christ really is. Jesus Christ was Emmanuel-God with us. God Manifest {made real} in the flesh. Matthew 16:13 "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" Matthew 16:14 "And they said, Some [say that thou art] John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets." Matthew 16:15 "He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?" Matthew 16:16 "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:17 "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed [it] unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." I have a question for you, Who do you say, this Jesus Christ is?

Hebrews 12:4 "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin."

One of the greatest consolations that I have, when I am told, it is not the will of God for me to teach, is the fact that my Leader [Jesus Christ] was rejected also. The church people of Jesus' day gave Him no encouragement at all. I cannot say that to be true with me, many of them have encouraged me. Just a few rejected these teachings. I believe this Scripture above is for people like me and for the disciples of all ages. I certainly have not resisted to the point of shed blood. I have not been nailed to the cross. In our society today, just the fact that you are a Christian, labels you as being weird. The majority of people today, are living to please the flesh. The only consideration of whether they will do something is, will it be a pleasure to me? James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Stand up for what you believe, don't follow the crowd. Know in your heart what is right and then do it. I Corinthians 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it]." A Christian should never say {I can't do it}. God will help you, and you can do what He has called you to do. The desire of my life is to be able to say with Paul, at my departing: II Timothy 4:7 "I have fought a good fight, I have finished [my] course, I have kept the faith:"

Hebrews 12:5 "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:" Hebrews 12:6 "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

The way we grow in the Lord, is to face problems, and overcome them with the help of the Lord. Romans 5:3 "And not only [so], but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;" Romans 5:4 "And patience, experience; and experience, hope:" Romans 5:5 "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." The lessons that we learned the best when we were a child, were the ones we were spanked for. If God did not chasten us, it would mean that we are not His. We are a pretty rough stone when God first accepts us as His. He has to smooth us down to make us into the beautiful stone fit to be placed next to the chief Cornerstone {Jesus Christ}. Proverbs 3:11 "My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:" Proverbs 3:12 "For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son [in whom] he delighteth." I am thoroughly convinced that the reason children feel so unloved by their parents today is because they do not punish them for wrong doing. Children need a standard set. When they break the rules, they should be punished. If they are not properly punished for their misdeeds, they are never able to release the guilt they bear for that misdeed. If you love your child, show him you do, by punishing him for wrong doing. Guilt is a terrible thing to carry around. If you sin, pray and ask for forgiveness. God will forgive. Let us see what Jesus said about this in Revelation 3:19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." The best thing to do is not sin in the first place then there will be no punishment. James 1:12 "Blessed [is] the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

Hebrews 29 Questions

1. Why is it so important for us to lay aside every weight and sin?
2. How are we to run the race that is set before us?
3. How can we win these witnesses to Christ?
4. What is the best sermon you can preach?
5. Quote Galatians chapter 2 verse 20.
6. When does it cease to be a chore to do good?
7. Are we Christians, of the night, or of the day, explain?
8. What is the battle that goes on in every person?
9. What is necessary to do to walk the Christian life every day?
10. Who is the Author and Finisher of our faith?
11. Where is He now?
12. What is the very first thing we must do before we can live for God?
13. Who created the world?
14. He is not just the Author of our salvation, but the Author of what as well?
15. In what Scripture is Jesus called the Word of God?
16. Why did He love us enough to suffer on the cross for us?
17. When did Jesus defeat sin?
18. When did He defeat death?
19. What was the worst thing the nonbelievers, said about Jesus?
20. Who did many of Jesus' followers think He was?
21. Who did Peter say He was?
22. Who do you believe Jesus to be?
23. Ye have not yet resisted unto _____, striving against sin.
24. In our society today, to be a Christian is to be labeled as what?
25. How do the majority of people decide whether they will do something or not?
26. If you resist the devil, what will happen?
27. With every temptation, God will make you a way of _____.
28. What should a Christian never say?
29. What does the author desire to be able to say, that Paul said?
30. Whom the Lord loveth He _____.
31. Why should we glory in tribulation?
32. Blessed is the man who endureth _____.

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 12:7 "If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"

There are so many who fall away from God at the very first sign of problems. They are like the ones in the parable of the seed planting which, sprang up and then died away at the very first sign of trouble. Matthew 13:18 "Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower." Matthew 13:19 "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth [it] not, then cometh the wicked [one], and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side." Matthew 13:20 "But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;" Matthew 13:21 "Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended." Matthew 13:22 "He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful." Matthew 13:23 "But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth [it]; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." Notice in this, that there is no difference in the seed {Word of God} that was sown. The difference is not even in the fact that all listened and received the Word. The difference is when trials came, most did not endure the chastening. They fell away. Only the one who fights the battle to the end {endures} will be able to keep the Word given and produce with it. All Christians are God's sons. We are adopted into the family of God. We are the bride of Christ. If we are His, he trains us every day. We must do the will of the Father. He teaches us what that will is. The chastening comes because He is training us.

Hebrews 12:8 "But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."

We moved into the country and built a church. The neighbors in the community did not know us and just assumed we were a cult. You guessed it, rumors starting flying everywhere. I shared this with a Christian friend, who thought I should be thrilled. He said, well, Louise, you could be like the majority of the churches who are having no trouble with the devil. I got really excited when he said this. Sure the devil did not want another church who taught the truth to be opened. If you are attempting to do great things for God, you will have trouble. That makes very good sense. If you are not winning anyone to Christ, the devil will not bother with you. God allows the devil to do these things, to see if you are real. Just as God gave the devil permission to test Job, He sometimes allows the devil to test us. He would not be interested in us learning how to fight for right, if we were not His. If God is not training you, you are not His. I Peter 5:9 "Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." I Peter 5:10 "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle [you]."

Hebrews 12:9 "Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected [us], and we gave [them] reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?"

I can only speak for myself, but my father had a razor strap, that drove a few lessons home. Those lessons were not soon forgotten. Children in those days, respected and obeyed their parents. God the Father wants only the best for us. When He punishes us, it is to help us. The beginning of wisdom is to fear the Lord. Another word for fear is reverence. The flesh desires cause us to sin. We said in the lesson before this that we must put the spirit in rule over the flesh, to live godly lives. John 3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Our loving heavenly Father helps us put the flesh under the spirit. I Peter 5:6 "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:"

Hebrews 12:10 For they verily for a few days chastened [us] after their own pleasure; but he for [our] profit, that [we] might be partakers of his holiness.

Nothing is more pleasing to a parent than to have a well behaved child. We are a reflection of our parents in many ways. The parent relives their life through their child. A parent tries to help their child not to make the same mistakes he made growing up. Some times the parent spanking a child for a wrong doing is to keep them from making the same mistakes he made. God the Father is a loving parent. He wants us to be perfect. As we said in the verses above, His punishment of us is to make us perfect. We are instructed to be Holy as He is Holy. I Peter 1:15 "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;" I Peter 1:16 "Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."

Hebrews 12:11 "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

Looking back on the punishment that I received as a child, I can thank my parents that they cared for me enough to correct me. It is strange how quickly the pain of the punishment is gone, but the lesson learned is forever. Even the chastening of God is not a pleasant experience while it is happening, but the fruit that it bears is forever. James 3:17 "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, [and] easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." James 3:18 "And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

Hebrews 12:12 "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;" Hebrews 12:13 "And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed."

In my weakness, God within me is strong. Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Not only will God strengthen us when we are weak, but we are instructed to strengthen our weaker brothers and sisters. I Thessalonians 5:14 "Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all [men]." Jude 1:22 "And of some have compassion, making a

difference:" Jude 1:23 "And others save with fear, pulling [them] out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh."

Hebrews 12:14 "Follow peace with all [men], and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:"

Matthew 5:8 "Blessed [are] the pure in heart: for they shall see God."
Matthew 5:9 "Blessed [are] the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." We see from the next verse that God wants us to be at peace with our fellow man. Romans 12:18 "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." If we are living for God, He will cause even our enemies to be at peace with us. Proverbs 16:7 "When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

Hebrews 30 Questions

1. If we are God's sons, He will _____ us.
2. What is the parable of the sower all about?
3. Was there a difference in the seed planted?
4. Why did it bring different results?
5. We must do the _____ of the Father.
6. What are we, if God does not chasten us?
7. Why should we be pleased to be persecuted when we are doing good?
8. Who in the Old Testament did God allow to be tried by the devil?
9. In first Peter chapter 5 verse 10 we learn that after we suffer a while, God will do what for us?
10. Who did we give reverence on the earth?
11. What is God called in Hebrews chapter 12 verse 9?
12. What is the beginning of wisdom?
13. That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the _____ is _____.
14. What must we do that God might exalt us?
15. God chastened us for our profit that we might be partakers of what?
16. Where do we find, Be ye holy, for He is holy?
17. Chastening yields the fruit of what?
18. The wisdom that is from above is first _____, then _____, _____.
19. It is full of what 2 things?
20. What are we instructed to do in Hebrews chapter 12 verses 12 and 13?
21. In my weakness, _____ is strong.
25. Quote Philippians chapter 4 verse 13.
26. What does Jude chapter 1 verse 23 tell us to do for the lost?
27. _____ are the pure in heart.
28. Who is at peace with those who please God?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 12:15 "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble [you], and thereby many be defiled;"

We are told to not let the sun go down on our wrath. We are also told to forgive. Even part of the Lord's prayer says Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. It is even dangerous to take communion if we are bitter toward any one. I Corinthians 11:27 "Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink [this] cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." I Corinthians 11:28 "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of [that] bread, and drink of [that] cup." I Corinthians 11:29 "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." I Corinthians 11:30 "For this cause many [are] weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." Jude 1:20 "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost," Jude 1:21 "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

Hebrews 12:16 "Lest there [be] any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright."

We spoke of this in a previous lesson, how we have been adopted in to the family of God. If we walk away from God, and go back in to the sinful way of life, it is as if we have no respect for our birthright in Jesus Christ. I Thessalonians 4:4 "That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;" I Thessalonians 4:5 "Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:" I Thessalonians 4:6 "That no [man] go beyond and defraud his brother in [any] matter: because that the Lord [is] the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified." I Thessalonians 4:7 "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."

Hebrews 12:17 "For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears."

This again, has to do with those who have the gift of salvation, and have walked in the Light of God. If a person has been adopted in to the family of God and then turns away from God it would be like crucifying Jesus all over again. Salvation is a daily walk. It is not something we take on and off as we please. Luke 13:24 "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." Luke 13:25 "When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:" Luke 13:26 "Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets." Luke 13:27 "But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity." God will help us if we try to live for Him, but if we turn away from Him after we have been saved, and have a way of life, of sin, again, He will not help us after that.

Hebrews 12:18 "For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,"

Exodus 19:12 "And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, [that ye] go [not] up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:" Exodus 19:13 "There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether [it be] beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount." It was then and it is now, certain death to try to reach God the Father by any other plan than the plan He has provided for us. The way to God the Father is by His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus is the door to heaven that we must pass through. We are not acceptable to God the Father until we have been washed in the blood of the Lamb {Jesus Christ}. Romans 14:18 "For he that in these things serveth Christ [is] acceptable to God, and approved of men." I Peter 2:5 "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." We are acceptable to the Father, because we have taken on the righteousness of Christ. Philippians 3:9 "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:"

Hebrews 12:19 "And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which [voice] they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:"

Exodus 19:16 "And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that [was] in the camp trembled." Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. They did not understand what they saw and heard, but they knew it was far greater than anyone they had ever encountered. This is when they asked Moses to speak to God for them, and then bring the message to them. The really strange thing to me is after this loud voice from this mountain {that sounded like a trumpet} spoke the 10 commandments, they still made the golden calf. Why did they not heed this voice that they were so afraid of? One of the first things He told them was not to make a graven image. They had heard the voice of God, and then made the golden calf and worshipped it. When Jesus comes back for the Christians, the trumpet will blow and the voice of the Word will call to the believers. Jesus is the Word. I Thessalonians 4:16 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:"

Hebrews 12:20 "(For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:"

Their regard for the commandments of God was not what it should have been. Romans 3:19 "Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God." Romans 3:20 "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin." There was no possible way that they could keep the law. They did not even understand why they were doing these things,

so even if they did keep the letter of the law, it was not enough, because their heart was not in it. We will see the purpose of the law and all of the ordinances in the next Scripture. Galatians 3:24 "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster [to bring us] unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of the law. If we look to Him for our salvation, then we are no longer under the law. Galatians 3:25 "But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster."

Hebrews 31 Questions

1. What is spoken of that defiles a person in Hebrews chapter 12 verse 15?
2. What are we not to let the sun go down on?
3. Forgive us our trespasses as we _____.
4. What are we guilty of if we take communion unworthily?
5. What are the penalties many pay for taking communion unworthily?
6. Keep your selves in the _____ of God.
7. Who is spoken of as a fornicator in Hebrews chapter 12 verse 16?
8. If we walk back into a sinful way of life after we have been saved, it is like what?
9. Everyone of you should know how to posses his vessel in _____ and _____.
10. God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto _____.
11. Salvation is a daily _____.
12. What will the Lord Jesus say to many who attempted to get in the gate, but did not live what they professed?
13. What were the people told not to do, while the presence of God was on the mount?
14. What would happen to them if they touched the mountain?
15. What is the only way we can reach heaven or the Father?
16. What makes us acceptable unto the Father?
17. What are Christians called in 1 Peter chapter 2 verse 5?
18. The only righteousness acceptable to God is through what?
19. Who is the Voice of Words?
20. What had frightened these Israelites at the mount where God was?
21. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____.
22. What terrible thing did these people do after they heard the voice of God, speak the 10 commandments to them?
23. Who is the Word?
24. Who was the law for?
25. By the law is the knowledge of what?
26. The law was our _____ to bring us to Christ.
27. After that _____ hath come we are no longer under a _____.

We will repeat one verse from the last lesson to get the full impact of the next verse. Hebrews 12:20 "(For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:" Hebrews 12:21 "And so terrible was the sight, [that] Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)"

We know that Moses was to go on this mountain and meet with God. Moses is just a man and you can easily see why he would feel fear. He knows that anyone who approaches God, who has sin in his life will die. God has called him and he must go, but you can imagine the fear in his heart. We see the voice of God speaking with Moses in the next verse. Exodus 19:19 "And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice." This experience of John tells just how fearful it is to come into the presence of God. Revelation 1:17 "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:" No one except Jesus can stand in the presence of God. Deuteronomy 5:26 "For who [is there of] all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we [have], and lived?" Moses was a chosen vessel of God, and was invited of God on the mountain, or he would have died.

Hebrews 12:22 "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,"

We see in this Scripture that this physical mount that Moses was to go on is symbolic of the city heavenly Jerusalem which comes down from heaven. Mount Sion is spoken of throughout the Bible symbolically as the city of God. Remember Abraham was looking for a city whose maker is God. If we are sincere Christians, we are looking for that city as well. This city is not made with human hands. This is a city where God is supreme Ruler. Revelation 21:10 "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God," John got a view of that heavenly city, in the Scripture above. Moses on the mount was in the presence of the builder of that city. We will see a promise in the very words of our Lord Jesus in the next verse. Revelation 3:12 "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, [which is] new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and [I will write upon him] my new name."

Hebrews 12:23 "To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,"

Who are the church of the first born? Jesus Christ the righteous is the first born. Everyone who continues to believe in Jesus unto the end, is His church. We find in the next Scripture that Jesus Christ purchased the church [the Christians] with His own blood. Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." We see that the body of believers are the church in the

following verse. Colossians 1:18 "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all [things] he might have the preeminence." To be saved, our name must be written in the Lamb's book of life. Revelation 20:15 "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." We see the terrible fate of those who neglect to get their name written in the book of life. The only way to get your name into that book is to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." How are just men made perfect? We have taken on the perfection of Jesus Christ when we were washed in His precious blood. He took our sin that we might become His righteousness. I Peter 2:24 "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." Acts 10:42 "And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God [to be] the Judge of quick and dead." You see Jesus will judge each person. We will be classified as His sheep and live in heaven with Him, or He will classify us as a goat fit only for hell. Matthew 25:32 "And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats:" Matthew 25:33 "And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left." Matthew 25:34 "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:" Matthew 25:41 "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:" We stand or fall on the judgment of Jesus Christ the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Hebrews 12:24 "And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than [that of] Abel."

Mediator, above means go between. Jesus goes between us and God and reconciles us to the Father. I Timothy 2:5 "For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" The new covenant is the covenant of grace through belief in Jesus Christ. The old covenant was the law, by which no man is saved. The blood sprinkled on the mercy seat, covered the sin of the person for one year. It did not do away with sin, it just covered it. Jesus precious blood completely did away with sin. Matthew 26:28 "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." I Peter 1:2 "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."

Hebrews 12:25 "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more [shall not] we [escape], if we turn away from him that [speaketh] from heaven:"

Of course, this One speaking from heaven is God. This is the voice they heard at the mount. When Jesus spoke here on the earth, it was actually the Voice from heaven speaking. He and the Father were in total agreement. John 14:10 "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." To reject the Word of God is to reject Life. Jesus is the Life of each one who believes. Matthew 17:5 "While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of

the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." This Scripture we just gave shows that the Father and Jesus speak the same thing.

Hebrews 12:26 "Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven."

The voice of God was mistaken for thunder. When it thunders, the earth shakes. Luke 21:26 "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Notice from this next Scripture that God's Word never ends. Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Hebrews 12:27 "And this [word], Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."

I believe the shaking has begun. God is shaking the church, so that those who have a form of religion will be shaken out. Those that remain will be those who cannot be shaken. These next 2 Scriptures should be the condition of the true Christian. Romans 8:38 "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come," Romans 8:39 "Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Hebrews 12:28 "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:"

This reverence and godly fear is not evident in too many churches today. It seems most church services have gone to the frivolous. We must take God serious. He is God, and we are His servants. We must pay Him the respect due Him. Romans 12:1 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service." The will of the Father must be our will. We must crucify our flesh that the spirit can take control. Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Hebrews 12:29 "For our God [is] a consuming fire."

There are a number of Scriptures which show God as a fire, I will quote a few here. Exodus 24:17 "And the sight of the glory of the LORD [was] like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel." Genesis 19:24 "Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;" Exodus 13:21 "And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:" It was a bush that was burning with fire that God spoke to Moses from. We could go on and on. There are literally tens of times God is spoken of associated with fire. Deuteronomy 9:3 "Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy

God [is] he which goeth over before thee; [as] a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee." II Thessalonians 1:8 "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:" This should let us have no doubt. I will mention one more thing and then go on. Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost and fire. Luke 3:16 "John answered, saying unto [them] all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:"

Hebrews 32 Questions

1. The sight of God on the mountain was so terrible that Moses felt what?
2. If God called Moses to the mountain, why would he fear?
3. When the trumpet sounded long and louder, Moses spoke to God. What did God do?
4. When John went to heaven and was in the presence of the first and last, what did he do?
5. The city of the living God is what?
6. Who is there an innumerable number of in the city?
7. This physical mount that Moses was on was symbolic of what?
8. What was Abraham looking for that we Christians should be looking for too?
9. When John was carried away to a high mountain, what was he given a glimpse of?
10. Him that _____ will I make a pillar in the temple of my God.
11. What will Jesus write on each believer?
12. Who are the church of the firstborn?
13. What did Jesus purchase the believers with?
14. Who is the head of the body of believers?
15. Where must our name be written, if we are saved?
16. What happens to those who are not written in this book?
17. What must we do to have our name written in the Lamb's book of life?
18. How are just men made perfect?
19. Who is the Judge of the quick and the dead?
20. What are those on the left side classified as by Jesus?
21. What are those on the right classified as by Jesus?
22. How long has the kingdom been prepared for the believers?
23. Who was the everlasting fire prepared for?
24. Who is the mediator of the new covenant?
25. What does mediator mean here?
26. What is the new covenant?
27. What one word in Matthew chapter 26 verse 28 means does away with?
28. The One speaking from heaven is whom?
29. Jesus said that the words He spoke on earth actually came from where?
30. In Matthew chapter 17 verse 5 how do we know for sure that Jesus and the Father were in agreement?
31. What will shake heaven as well as earth?
32. What 2 unlikely things shall pass away?
33. Why is God shaking the church?
34. How are we to present our bodies to God?
35. Our God is a _____.
36. Tell several times that God was associated with fire.

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 13:1 "Let brotherly love continue."

When Jesus' mother and half brothers and sisters in the flesh came to see Him, He gave an explanation of who His brothers and sisters were. Matthew 12:50 "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." If you are a Christian, then, you are a brother or sister of Christ. We are the adopted children of the Father. Jesus is our older brother. John 13:34 "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:35 "By this shall all [men] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." The one another mentioned here are the fellow believers. Romans 12:10 "[Be] kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;" We find that Jesus tells us that just 2 commandments cover all the laws and commandments of the Old Testament. Matthew 22:37 "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Matthew 22:38 "This is the first and great commandment." Matthew 22:39 "And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Matthew 22:40 "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Hebrews 13:2 "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

One of the most vivid lessons on this subject in the Bible is; Matthew 25:35 "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:" Matthew 25:36 "Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." Matthew 25:37 "Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed [thee]? or thirsty, and gave [thee] drink?" Matthew 25:38 "When saw we thee a stranger, and took [thee] in? or naked, and clothed [thee]?" Matthew 25:39 "Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?" Matthew 25:40 "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me."

Hebrews 13:3 "Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; [and] them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body."

Christians are all part of one body, The Body of Christ. If you stump your toe, your whole body hurts. If we are one body in Christ, we will behave as these 2 following Scriptures direct us. Romans 12:15 "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." I Corinthians 12:26 "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it." Paul was in prison for a great deal of the time for his bold ministering. We will see that he was not forgotten by his fellow Christians while he was there. II Timothy 1:16 "The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:" II Timothy 1:17 "But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found [me]." II Timothy 1:18 "The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou

knowest very well." Paul had a large group with him while he was imprisoned in his own home in Rome. Luke the physician went nearly everywhere with him, and Rome was no exception. I will give one verse from Peter's writings telling us how to behave toward each other. I Peter 3:8 "Finally, [be ye] all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, [be] pitiful, [be] courteous:"

Hebrews 13:4 "Marriage [is] honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

Whoremonger is speaking of male or female prostitutes. Adulterers, here mean those who sleep with someone they are not married to, and it also has to do with those who follow other gods. This, then is physical and spiritual adultery. One of the 10 commandments is {Thou shalt not commit adultery}. We see from the following Scriptures that God created man and woman to marry and populate the earth. It is no sin to marry. God planned that a man would marry one woman and they two should become one flesh. This is God's plan for the creation of the people on the earth. Sex should be reserved for the marriage bed. Sex is for the creation of new beings on the earth. That is the very reason homosexuality and lesbianism is so wrong. God calls both things the unnatural use. Now let us look at some scriptures on man and woman marrying. Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." Man in this verse means a human being. Notice that all humans are made in the image of God. Genesis 1:28 "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Notice in this that the sin of Adam and Eve was not in the fact that they slept together. It was in that they disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit. God wanted them to populate the earth, even before they sinned in the garden. Notice the judgment that God will make on the whoremonger. Ephesians 5:5 "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

Hebrews 13:5 "[Let your] conversation [be] without covetousness; [and be] content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

We are living in a materialistic generation. Many are teaching that all you have to do is ask for anything you want and God will give it to you. This is not what God promised at all. God has promised to give us our needs, not to furnish our greed. Paul gave the best advice to all of us when he said whatever position he found himself in, he was satisfied. Philippians 4:11 "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, [therewith] to be content." Philippians 4:12 "I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." We are told to seek first the things of God. Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:25 "Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" Matthew 6:34 "Take therefore no thought for the

morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day [is] the evil thereof." One of the worst sins in our society today is that people want what their neighbor has. Most are not very willing to wait until they can afford it, they want it now. Many will even take things that really do not belong to them by force if necessary. Greed has overcome. Luke 12:15 "And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Luke 12:16 "And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:" Luke 12:17 "And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?" Luke 12:18 "And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods." Luke 12:19 "And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, [and] be merry." Luke 12:20 "But God said unto him, [Thou] fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" You see we brought nothing into this world, and it is for certain we will take nothing out with us. Lay up your treasures in heaven. I Timothy 6:6 "But godliness with contentment is great gain." I Timothy 6:7 "For we brought nothing into [this] world, [and it is] certain we can carry nothing out." I Timothy 6:8 "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."

Hebrews 33 Questions

1. What are we told to let continue in verse 1?
2. Who did Jesus say were his mother and brothers and sisters?
3. How are we younger brothers and sisters of Christ?
4. How will men know you are Christ's disciple?
5. Who are the one another mentioned here?
6. How many commandments, that Jesus gave, cover all the law and commandments?
7. What are these commandments that Jesus gave?
8. Why should you entertain strangers?
9. What does Matthew chapter 25 verses 35 on tell us about doing for others?
10. Christians are all part of one _____.
11. We are to _____ with them that rejoice.
12. Where did Paul spend a great deal of his time?
13. Why did Paul say for the Lord to give mercy to the house of Onesiphorus?
14. Who was the physician that went nearly everywhere with Paul?
15. How did Peter tell the Christians to behave toward each other?
16. Marriage is _____ in all.
17. What does whoremonger mean here?
18. What 2 things does this adulterer have to do with here?
19. Why did God create man and woman?
20. What are a man and his wife one in?
21. What is sex for?
22. What does God call homosexuality?
23. Man in Genesis chapter 1 verse 27 means what?
24. Who are made in the image of God?
25. What were they to have dominion over?
26. What was the sin of Adam and Eve?
27. What is God's judgment on the whoremonger?
28. Do not covet, be content with _____.
29. What kind of a generation are we living in?
30. What did Paul say about this?
31. I can do all things through _____.
32. What is the Christian to seek first?
33. Tell what the parable of the rich man was all about?
34. Having _____ and _____ let us therewith be content.

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 13:6 "So that we may boldly say, The Lord [is] my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

Psalms 27:1 "{ [A Psalm] of David.) The LORD [is] my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD [is] the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalms 27:2 "When the wicked, [even] mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell." Psalms 27:3 "Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this [will] I [be] confident." We are told over and over in the Scriptures not to fear. The only fear, that we should have, is of God. Fear is the opposite of faith. The next two Scriptures tell us just how much protection there is for those who truly follow God. Leviticus 26:8 " And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword." In this next Scripture we see clearly the divine protection. Psalms 91:7 "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; [but] it shall not come nigh thee." God is our strength and our refuge. He is our very present help when we are in trouble.

Hebrews 13:7 "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of [their] conversation."

Each of us have someone who led us to the Lord. We should always highly regard that person. The fact that they cared enough about you to take the time and effort it takes to win you to the Lord should make you regard them highly. We must not worship them however. God is the only one to be worshipped. I Corinthians 1:21 "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." We see in the following verses Paul writing to some of the people who received Christ under his preaching. Any minister who leads a person to Christ, feels they are responsible to continue leading them. The job of a pastor, is to teach his or her people how to live after they are saved. I Corinthians 4:14 "I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn [you]." I Corinthians 4:15 "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet [have ye] not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel." I Corinthians 4:16 "Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me." I Corinthians 4:17 "For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church." Paul is not saying in verse 16; worship him, he is saying follow my example. This next verse says it perfectly. I Corinthians 11:1 "Be ye followers of me, even as I also [am] of Christ." Everyone has some one that is their {hero in the Lord}. This is someone you go to for advice when you are stumped yourself. The ultimate Hero, of course is Jesus Christ. I have been speaking of earthly help here. One more word on this and we will go on. I Thessalonians 5:12 "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;" I Thessalonians 5:13 "And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. [And] be at peace among yourselves."

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

He never changes. He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Through God's foreknowledge, every single detail of this life was set at the foundation of the world. It will not change, because God cannot lie. Malachi 3:6 "For I [am] the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." Revelation 1:17 "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:" Revelation 1:18 "I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

Hebrews 13:9 "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For [it is] a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein."

There has never been a time in church history when there has been more false doctrine offered to the sheep. One of the most vivid warnings of this false doctrine being taught in the end times is in the Lord's own Words in the next Scriptures. Matthew 24:22 "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Matthew 24:23 "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here [is] Christ, or there; believe [it] not." Matthew 24:24 "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matthew 24:25 "Behold, I have told you before." Matthew 24:26 "Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, [he is] in the secret chambers; believe [it] not." Matthew 24:27 "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." One of the most popular things right now is regarding animals too highly. All of a sudden people say it is wrong to wear a coat made of animal skin. That is so strange, because one of the first specific uses of an animal in the Bible, is when God killed an animal and made clothes for Adam and Eve to wear. Another thing that bothers me is the teaching that we should not eat meat. I Timothy 4:1 "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;" I Timothy 4:2 "Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;" I Timothy 4:3 "Forbidding to marry, [and commanding] to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." Some say meats above is speaking of food, but the word translated means the flesh of an animal. Also look at the word creature in the next verse. I Timothy 4:4 "For every creature of God [is] good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:" If you want to hear it in Jesus' own words, here is where he raised the girl from {supposed death} and Jesus told them to feed her some meat, also translated animal flesh. Luke 8:55 "And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat." God put animals on the earth for the use of man. These things we have talked about here, not using these animals for the purpose that God intended them, borders on animal worship. I gave just one or two examples here of some of the things I believe to be in error, there are many more. I believe the best advice of all, is in this next Scripture. I John 4:1 "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." False

doctrines border on the truth. They usually are so close to the truth, that you will not realize they are in error unless you really know thoroughly the Word of God. Study to show yourself approved of God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. The more you study the Bible, the harder it will be to fool you.

Notes

Hebrews 34 Questions

1. The Lord is my helper and I will not fear _____
2. _____.
3. The Lord is my _____ and my _____ whom shall I fear?
4. What happened to the enemies who came to eat his flesh?
5. What is the only fear that the Christian is to have?
6. Five can chase a hundred and how many can a hundred put to flight?
7. A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at they right hand, but it shall _____.
8. Who has rule over you in verse 7?
9. The world by wisdom _____.
10. It pleased God by the _____ of _____ to save them that believe.
11. What is the job of a pastor after someone is saved?
12. What does Paul call these Christians in 1 Corinthians chapter 4 verse 14?
13. What does Paul say the one who leads you to Christ is to you?
14. When Paul says to be followers of him, what is he saying?
15. Who is our ultimate Hero?
16. Why are you to esteem those over you in the Lord very highly?
17. Jesus Christ the same _____, and _____ and _____.
18. What are some of the names Jesus called Himself that show His eternity?
19. What Scripture in Revelation leaves no doubt this eternal one is Jesus?
20. We are warned not to be carried about with _____ and _____ doctrines.
21. How should our heart be established?
22. In Matthew chapter 24 verse 24 we see that if the end days are not shortened what would happen?
23. Why are the days shortened?
24. Why will people believe these false christs and false prophets?
25. If they tell you to go to some specific location and you will find Christ, what should your answer be?
26. How will we know for sure that it is Christ when He comes?
27. Name 2 of the specific false doctrines being taught saying they are humanitarian?
28. Give the Scriptures that are specific in denouncing these doctrines.
29. What does the author believe this borders on?
30. What one word in 1 Timothy chapter 4 verse 4 lets you know for sure that the meat is animal flesh?
31. When Jesus raised the girl and the spirit came back in her, what did he tell the parents to feed her?
32. What is the best advice given to us on how to know if something or someone is of God or not?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 13:10 "We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle."

The Christian has an altar in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Lamb of God. Only the believers in Christ partake of this sacrifice. John 6:53 "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the earth. If you do not partake of Jesus, then you are not saved. We see in the next Scripture that the high priest and the priests ate the flesh of the sacrifice. This is their living. I Corinthians 9:13 "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live [of the things] of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?" We could go into great detail here how the high priest in the tabernacle was a shadow of the true High Priest. The priests symbolize the believers of Christ. Those who serve the tabernacle are under the law and have no part in the perfect Lamb sacrifice {Jesus Christ}.

Hebrews 13:11 "For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp."

Exodus 29:14 "But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it [is] a sin offering." Leviticus 4:5 "And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation:" Leviticus 4:6 "And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the veil of the sanctuary." Leviticus 4:7 "And the priest shall put [some] of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which [is] in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which [is at] the door of the tabernacle of the congregation." All of this is a type and shadow of the sacrifice that Jesus {the Lamb of God} will make for us. His blood will abolish the Christian's sin. The blood of this animal above just covers the sin for one year.

Hebrews 13:12 "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate."

The Hebrews would not kill anyone within the city wall, so Jesus was crucified outside the city wall. They did not intentionally fulfill the practice of taking the sacrifice for sin without the camp. This is just what happened though. This burning of the flesh of the animal, was to show the terribleness of sin to the Father. Father God could not look upon sin, He would burn it up. The blood of the animal that was carried into the most holy place was symbolic of the precious blood of the Lamb, which would be carried to the most Holy Place of all {the throne of God}. Sanctify means to make holy and also means set aside for a purpose. John 17:19 "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."

Hebrews 13:13 "Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach."

We see in this Scripture above that we too must not look to this world for our salvation. We must go out to where Jesus is. We must not be ashamed of the cross. It is where we meet Jesus. We must even move out of religion to the true God. We must not have just a form of religion, but must depend upon the blood of the Lamb for our offering for sin. It is important that we too go out of the city {world} and crucify our flesh that we might live in the spirit. The sin of this world and the call of the flesh can not be part of our life, if we are a Christian. We must be willing to give up all for God. II Timothy 2:12 "If we suffer, we shall also reign with [him]: if we deny [him], he also will deny us:" Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Hebrews 13:14 "For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

Abraham, the father of all who believe in Christ, was looking for a city whose maker is God. He dwelt in tents, waiting for the time he would find this city of God. Christians are just pilgrims passing through. We too are looking for the city of God {New Jerusalem}. I Corinthians 5:1 "For we know that if our earthly house of [this] tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." II Corinthians 5:2 "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:" II Corinthians 5:3 "If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked." II Corinthians 5:4 "For we that are in [this] tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life." II Corinthians 5:5 "Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing [is] God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit." II Corinthians 5:6 "Therefore [we are] always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:" II Corinthians 5:7 "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)" II Corinthians 5:8 "We are confident, [I say], and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." This can all be summed up in the words of a song we Christians sing. This world is not my home, I am just passing through. Our home is in heaven somewhere beyond the blue. Colossians 3:1 "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." Colossians 3:2 "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Colossians 3:3 "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

Hebrews 13:15 "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of [our] lips giving thanks to his name."

The last 10 chapters of the book of Psalms are about praising God. If you want to feel the presence of God, You can, when you praise Him. God inhabits the praises of His people. We see in the next Scriptures what Christians should do. Ephesians 5:19 "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;" Ephesians 5:20 "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" We cannot even praise God in our own name. We must do all things in the name of Jesus Christ. I Peter 4:11 "If any man speak, [let him speak] as the oracles of God; if any man minister, [let him do it] as of the ability which God giveth: that God in

all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 13:16 "But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

Just as we said above, everything we do is in the name of Jesus. We mentioned in a previous lesson that any thing we do for others is as if we had done it for God. Micah 6:7 "Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, [or] with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn [for] my transgression, the fruit of my body [for] the sin of my soul?" Micah 6:8 "He hath shewed thee, O man, what [is] good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" You cannot do anything directly for God. The way we show our love to Him is by doing good to those around us. Luke 6:35 "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and [to] the evil." Luke 6:36 "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." I will give one more Scripture on how Christians should conduct their lives. Galatians 6:10 "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all [men], especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Hebrews 35 Questions

1. Who is the Christian's altar in?
2. Who are the only ones who can partake of the sacrifice of Jesus?
3. Except ye eat the _____ of the Son of man, and drink his _____, ye have no life in you.
4. What did the priests and high priest live of?
5. The high priest of the tabernacle was a shadow of whom?
6. Who are the priests symbolic of?
7. What happened to the bodies of the beasts, whose blood was brought into the sanctuary?
8. Who brought the blood into the Holiest place?
9. How many times did he sprinkle the blood before the Lord?
10. Jesus' blood will _____ the sin of the Christian.
11. Where did Jesus suffer that he might sanctify the people?
12. What was the burning of the flesh of the animal for?
13. Where is the most holy place of all?
14. What 2 things does sanctify mean?
15. What message is intended for the Christian, when it says {let us go forth without the camp}?
16. Quote 2 Timothy chapter 2 verse 12.
17. I am crucified with _____.
18. Nevertheless I live, yet not I, but _____ liveth in me.
19. We have no continuing city, but we seek what?
20. What was Abraham to the believers?
21. If our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have what?
22. While we are at home in the body we are _____ _____ _____.
23. What can this all be summed up in?
24. Where is Christ sitting?
25. Set your affection on things _____.
26. What sacrifice should we offer to God continually?
27. What are the last 10 chapters of Psalms all about?
28. What are the Christians told to do in the 5th chapter of Ephesians?
29. If we speak, we should speak as what?
30. What sacrifices are pleasing to God in Hebrews chapter 13 verse 16?
31. Quote Micah chapter 6 verse 8.
32. How are we to treat our enemies?
33. Be ye _____ as your Father is _____.
34. We are to do good to all men, but especially to whom?

We will begin this lesson in Hebrews 13:17 "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that [is] unprofitable for you."

The hardest thing of all for Paul was taking constant care of the churches he started. He listed this along with the stoning, being shipwrecked and being left for dead. Notice in the following Scriptures why a person who has led someone to Christ feels so responsible. The leaders of the church are responsible for the flock. Ezekiel 3:17 "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me." Ezekiel 3:18 "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." Ezekiel 3:19 "Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul." Ezekiel 3:20 "Again, When a righteous [man] doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand." Ezekiel 3:21 "Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous [man], that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul." You can easily see from this the awesome responsibility of the leader of the church. The shepherd is responsible for his sheep. The saddest thing for any minister of the Word, is to lead someone to Christ and then have them go back into the world. It is as if you have lost a member of your family.

Hebrews 13:18 "Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly."

The members of any congregation should earnestly pray for the pastor of the church. Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things [are] honest, whatsoever things [are] just, whatsoever things [are] pure, whatsoever things [are] lovely, whatsoever things [are] of good report; if [there be] any virtue, and if [there be] any praise, think on these things."

Hebrews 13:19 "But I beseech [you] the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner."

Romans 1:10 "Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you." Romans 1:11 "For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;" Romans 1:12 "That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me." As I said before Paul is always concerned about the members of the churches he started. When he is at one place he is concerned about all the others.

Hebrews 13:20 "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the

everlasting covenant," Hebrews 13:21 "Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom [be] glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Those of us who have our salvation assured to us, know this peace of God. Jesus is the Resurrection. The shed blood of Jesus is the price of our peace. We have confidence in our salvation and that brings peace. We are not perfect in our self, but have been made perfect in Jesus. The glory honor and praise go to Jesus who is the Author and finisher of our faith. Amen means {so be it}. Romans 12:1 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service." Romans 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Hebrews 13:22 "And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words."

Exhortation in this means comfort, or comfort in speech. Paul is saying in this, I have just written a few words, but understand my care for you in this.

Hebrews 13:23 "Know ye that [our] brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you."

Timothy was Paul's young assistant. Paul traveled a great deal in the company of Timothy. At one time Paul was training Timothy to take over his work when it became impossible to go. Whether this means that Paul will be with Timothy or not we can not tell. If Timothy were there it would be as if Paul were there because when Timothy spoke, it was the teachings of Paul which came through Timothy. Acts 16:1 "Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father [was] a Greek:" Acts 16:2 "Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium." Acts 16:3 "Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek." You can see from this that Paul was proud of his convert Timothy. Timothy was actually teaching the very same message Paul had taught him.

Hebrews 13:24 "Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you."

It is more than obvious that Paul wrote this from Rome where he was imprisoned in his own home. Timothy, being a young Christian, Paul reminds him that he must submit himself to the authority of the older leaders. This salutation to the saints here lets us know again that this is surely Paul's writings.

Hebrews 13:25 "Grace [be] with you all. Amen."

This again is typical of Paul. Paul always speaks a blessing on those he writes to.

Thank you for taking the time to read this lesson. I believe this lesson has made me understand a little better Our High Priest Jesus Christ. I hope that it has done the same for you.

Hebrews 36 Questions

1. Who are we to obey?
2. Why should we obey them?
3. What did Paul list as one of the hardest things for him?
4. Why do the leaders of the church feel so responsible?
5. If the shepherd does not warn of sin, what happens to him?
6. What is the saddest thing for any minister of the Word?
7. Who should the congregation earnestly pray for?
8. Quote Philippians chapter 4 verse 8.
9. Why did Paul want them to pray for him?
10. Why did Paul want to see them?
11. Who was Paul constantly concerned about?
12. Who is God called in Hebrews chapter 13 verse 20?
13. Who is the Lord Jesus called in the same verse?
14. How can we be made perfect?
15. What is the price of our peace?
16. Who is the Author and Finisher of our faith?
17. What does Amen mean?
18. What are we to present our bodies as?
19. How are we to be transformed?
20. What does exhortation mean?
21. Who was Timothy?
22. What nationality was Timothy's father?
23. Why did Paul circumcise Timothy?
24. What makes this so sure that Paul wrote this?
25. What is the salutation Paul sent them?

*Thank you for taking the time for me to share my thoughts
on these Scriptures in Hebrews.
May God richly bless you, as you continue to read His Word.*

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