

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. When did the sacrificial offerings become displeasing to God?
2. What is involved in the outliving of our Christian lives?
3. Why are we exhorted to constancy in faith?
4. How do we testify of the change God works in our hearts?

SUMMARY:

Access to the throne of grace through the veil was provided when Jesus died on the cross and became our atonement. [\[SoF:4\]](#) Now we can come to God, through Christ, and find forgiveness of sin and peace with God.

The faith that caused us to trust in Him should now be manifested by our love and good works. This should not just be for us but we have the responsibility of arousing this in the lives of other believers. The word “provoke” or “arouse” indicates that we can become lax or sleepy in our Christian living and need to be aroused and encouraged.

We also must seek to overcome sin. Not only seek to overcome it but to abhor it and abstain from things that even appear to be evil. We also are exhorted to worship God privately and even more so to do it publicly; to set aside time for devotions and worship.

NOTES:

[\[SoF:4\]](#) We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life. He died on the cross for us. His shed blood is the atonement for our sins

[\[SoF:7\]](#) We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #10

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Third Quarter

A BETTER SACRIFICE

LESSON TEXT: *Hebrews 10:1-31*

LESSON SETTING: Written from Italy to the Palestinian Jews, probably by Paul.

TIME: Approximately 64 A.D.

I. CHRIST'S PREPARATION FOR SACRIFICE. Hebrews 10:5-13

- A. Came into the World (vs. 5) Psalm 40:7 John 1:14
- B. To Do God's Will (vs. 7, 9) Psalm 40:8 Matthew 26:42

II. A PERFECT SACRIFICE. Hebrews 10:14-18

- A. A Single Offering (vs. 14, 18) Hebrews 9:28
- B. Changes Men (vs. 14) Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:24
- C. Hearts Renewed (vs. 16) Ezekiel 36:26; Luke 8:15

III. ACCESS ACHIEVED. [\[SoF:7\]](#) Hebrews 10:19-21

- A. Access for All Believers (vs. 19) Romans 5:2; Ephesians 2:18
- B. Access Through Christ (vs. 20) John 10:9 14:6; Hebrews 9:8, 12
- C. Access to Intercession (vs. 21) Isaiah 53:12; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1, 2

IV. ACCESS APPRECIATED. Hebrews 10:24-31

- A. By Good Works (vs. 24) Matthew 5:16; 1 Timothy 6:18
- B. By Worship (vs. 25) Luke 4:16; 24:52, 53; John 4:24
- C. By Abhorring Sin (vs. 26-29) Romans 12:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:22
- D. By Fearing God (vs. 31) Psalms 25:14; 33:18; Matthew 10:28

GOLDEN TEXT: FOR BY ONE OFFERING HE HATH PERFECTED FOREVER THEM THAT ARE SANCTIFIED.

Hebrews 10:14

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-40

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Genesis 22:1-8; Psalm 18:20-36
Romans 5:1-5; I Peter 1:1-23

QUARTERLY THEME: BOOK OF HEBREWS

TOPIC: THE BELIEVER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

INTRODUCTION:

It seems strange that the Apostle went back through the ages to list the examples of the patriarchs who trusted in God. These men all lived in faith and in the promises of God. They won God's approval and were received of Him, yet they all died without having received the fulfillment of His promise. They know of the promise of the Messiah but did not see that great day. We today should believe without such encouragement because we are living in the day of grace.

It should humble us to know that these people believed and looked forward to the Messiah. They suffered many persecutions, ridicule and trials because they dared live Godly lives in their days. Their faith often was tested and we marvel at how God delivered them at the "zero hour" and how He blessed them. We look at the age of their lives and seeing how they overcame, we are encouraged.

Perhaps we shall be the source of blessing to those who shall follow us if we prove our faithfulness to God and hold fast to a good Christian walk and firmly stand for righteousness in an ever-increasing atmosphere of sin. Noah practically stood alone in his day, but he was delivered. We also may seem to stand alone. Yet He may say to us as He did to Elijah, "*I have reserved for myself, seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.*" Perhaps we are not as alone as we may think!

CENTRAL TRUTH: By faith we appropriate the promises of God.

GOLDEN TEXT: *NOW FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR, THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN.*

Hebrews 11:1

We as believers in the promises and life of Jesus Christ *do* have assurances and we *do* have hope for this life as well as the life that is to come. At one time we had to have visual proof before we would believe things. Having experienced the power of God in our lives we are ready to accept His many promises.

We were unable to realize God's power until that time came when we saw our wretched condition and in our distress turned to God realizing that we were utterly lost unless He somehow, worked a change in us. This He did. We couldn't see His power, but we could feel it. Just as we turn on a light switch, we can't see the power travel through the wire, but we do see the light and brightness that results. We believe we can apply this power to motors and appliances and believe if applied properly it will do its work. So likewise seeing what God has done for us, we believe He is able to fulfill all He has promised. This is our conviction of the reality of spiritual things we do not see.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 9 – 15

M. *The Believer's Encouragement. Hebrews 11:1-40

T. Abraham's Faith. Genesis 22:1-18

W. Moses' Faith. Exodus 33:12-14

T. Ruth's Faith. Ruth 1:8-18

F. Hannah's Faith. 1 Samuel 1:9-18

S. David's Faith. Psalm 27:1-14

S. Habakkuk's Faith. Habakkuk 3:16-19

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