

✠ Unsheathing the SWORD ✠



HEBREWS

MEMORIZATION – Hebrews 12:1-2 – “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Chapter 1

1. How has God spoken to us “in these last days?”

Chapter 2

Extra credit: Who is being quoted in 2:6-8?

1. By the death of Jesus:
 - a) who was destroyed?
 - b) who was freed?
2. Think about the difference between an individual who lives in fear of death and an individual who knows that the death of a believer is the beginning of eternity with the Lord.
3. “A merciful and faithful high priest.” Hebrews is known for portraying Jesus as our high priest. Pay special attention to the references to the Old Testament sacrifice system, high priest, and atonement.

Chapter 3 - none

Chapter 4

1. The writer makes reference to the generation of Israelites who wandered in the wilderness. In chapter four the writer says that we should be careful not to fall short of the gospel, for the Israelites also had the gospel preached to them, “but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard _____.”

2. “For the word of God is _____ and _____. _____ than any _____, it penetrates even to _____ and _____, _____ and _____; it judges the _____ and _____ of the _____.”

3. Read chapter 4:14-16 three times.

- a) Who is our great high priest?
- b) What should we hold firmly?
- c) Has Jesus been tempted as we are?
- d) Who is without sin?
- e) Where can we go with confidence?
- f) What will we receive?
- g) When will the grace we find help us?

Chapter 5

1. The Hebrews (and often we, too) can't handle solid food. What do they/ we need instead?

2. Solid food is for the mature. How do the mature train themselves to distinguish good from evil?

Chapter 6 - none

Chapter 7

1. Read Genesis 14:13-20 for the original mention of Melchizidek. “He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar.”

a) Who is it “of whom these things are said?”

b) From what tribe did he come?

2. Jesus sacrificed for the people’s sins _____ when He offered Himself. Keep your eyes open for this phrase which is used often throughout this book.

Chapter 8

1. Every high priest offers two things. What are they?

Extra credit: What is the difference between these two offerings?

Chapter 9

1. What was in the tabernacle’s Holy Place?

2. What was in the Most Holy Place?

3. What was in the ark?

4. How often did the high priest enter the Most Holy Place?

5. What did the high priest do before entering the Most Holy Place?

6. Notice the mention of the Holy Spirit being active in Old Testament times. What was the Holy Spirit showing through the limited entrance to the presence of God in the Most Holy Place?

7. Read what happened at the time of the death of Jesus in Matthew 27:50-54, Mark 15:37-39, and Luke 23:44-47. Why is it significant to mention that the tear was from top to bottom? Think of the impact this would have had on the priests.

8. Look again at Hebrews 9:8 and what the Holy Spirit was showing. What conclusion do you draw regarding the tearing of the curtain at the time of the blood sacrifice of Jesus the Messiah on the cross?

9. Jesus “entered the Most Holy Place _____ for _____ by _____, having obtained _____.”

10. “How much more, then, will the _____, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from _____, so that we may _____.”

11. What is required for forgiveness?

12. When did Christ appear once for all to sacrifice Himself?

13. A proof passage against reincarnation: “Just as man is destined to die _____, and after that to face judgement.”

Chapter 10

1. a) Because of His sacrifice, what has Jesus made those of us who are “being made holy?”

b) Having a bad day? Feeling inadequate? Think about the answer to this question and meditate on God seeing you this way (because He sees you through Christ).

2. What is one purpose for meeting together?

3. There is a warning to those who deliberately keep on sinning after receiving the knowledge of the truth. And those people are called “the _____ of God.”

4. We often fail to see the enormity of sin. Here it is said that when man has sinned he has “_____ the Son of God _____,” “treated as an _____ the _____ of the _____ that _____ Him,” and “_____ the _____ of grace.” Think seriously about how sin insults our holy God.

Chapter 11

1. Faith is:

a) being sure of what?

b) being certain of what?

2. What made Abel’s offering a better sacrifice than Cain’s?

3. “And without _____ it is impossible to please God.”

4. Chapter 11 is a beautiful review of Old Testament faithfulness. List at least three Old Testament characters named here as having faith.

5. Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac – his only son. What did Abraham reason that God could do?

6. The faithful are both named and unnamed. Some were powerful. Some were persecuted – the world was not _____ of them.

Chapter 12

1. The faithful now surround us as a _____ of _____.

2. Jesus is our example as we run the race marked out for us. We should fix our eyes on Jesus who is:

a) the _____ of our faith.

b) the _____ of our faith.

3. Discipline from God means that He considers us to be what?

4. Write out Hebrews 12:11.

5. True or False: Discipline is painful.

6. What harvest does discipline produce?

7. Read Exodus 19:16-19 for a description of God's appearing at Mt. Sinai. Compare it to Hebrews 12:18-21.

8. Slowly read Hebrews 12:22-24. In your mind picture the heavenly Jerusalem with "thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly."

Chapter 13

1. "Jesus Christ is the same _____ and _____ and _____."

2. We are not to forget two sacrifices which please God. What are they?

3. a) Verses 20 and 21 ask God to do what two things?

b) Are you fervently asking God to equip you for doing His will?

c) Are you fervently asking God to work in you what is pleasing to Him?

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