

HEBREWS

STUDY 11 – HEB 10:1-39



Read Hebrews 10:1-18

1. These verses generally summarise what we learnt over the past couple of weeks in chapters 8 and 9. List down the main points from these opening verses:

The old covenantal system points to the need for a new and better system; need for sacrifices that are effective in removing sin; Jesus came as the improvement to the old system; and the old system had to be continually repeated.



Read Hebrews 10:19-39

2. What do you think the significance is of the reference to 'the curtain' and 'the Most Holy Place' at the beginning of this passage?

*They act as an emphasis of the fact that Jesus' death is a **fulfilment** of the Old Testament law.*

3. If we have been 'washed with pure water' (v22), what does that mean for how we should be living our lives as Christians?

Here 'washed' = 'cleansed'. As such, we must hold firmly to what we know to be true.

4. What reason is given that we should not continue to sin if we know that God has forgiven us for all time?

We cannot ignore what Jesus has done for us. Jesus is the final sacrifice for all sins → if we ignore that, then we need to be aware that there is not a further sacrifice later to come.

5. In light of verse 29, should we fear God?

We should fear him in the sense of reverent awe.

- a. Should he be feared in the same way that most people fear going to hell?

6. How is it that we 'insult the Spirit of grace'? (v29)

Jesus' death is an act of grace. In our sinfulness we reject Jesus and his offer of salvation. It can also refer to people who know the truth, but choose to ignore it in the way that they live their lives.

7. What reason is given that we should persevere and have complete confidence in what we believe? (v36-37)

The end goal of heaven is our motivation. It is a fulfilment of what has already been promised. As such we can have confidence.

8. Verse 39 gives us an image of Christian living. What might this look like in day-to-day reality?

A chance to put the passage into practical reality.

9. Are you someone who fears God? Do you genuinely recognise the consequences of sinning against God, who has sacrificed his Son for us?

This question is a chance for them to personally reflect on the things that have just been discussed.

10. In what ways does Jesus' death on the cross encourage us to continue to meet together as a group of believers?

A chance for the group as a whole to discuss how this passage can stimulate them to be encouraging one another.

11. How can you be confident that Christianity is worthwhile, and something that you should persevere with even in tough times?

This question is best used to recap the study as a whole.