

HEBREWS 6

1. Who gave the first agreement to Israel?

-God.

2. What was the first agreement?

-That if Israel would obey the laws, God would bless them, but if Israel disobeyed the laws, God would punish them.

3. What was the purpose of the first agreement?

-To teach Israel and to teach all people that God is extremely holy.

-To teach Israel and to teach all people that no one can completely obey God's laws.

4. Why can no one completely obey God's laws?

-Because all people are born with sin in their hearts.

5. Was there anything wrong with the old agreement?

-No. It was given by God, but it was not complete.

6. What was incomplete about the old agreement?

-It could only teach.

-It could force no one to obey.

-It could cause no one to obey.

-It could save no one.

7. What is the new agreement?

-That even though we could not obey His laws, God will

put His laws on our minds and hearts.

-That even though we could not obey His laws, God will take our punishment even though we deserve to be punished.

8. With the new agreement, what is God teaching us?

-That He alone can work in our hearts to help us to believe in Him.

-Without the help of God, we cannot believe in Him.

9. Where is the new tabernacle?

-In heaven.

10. How do we get to the new tabernacle?

-If we believe in Christ, we are already in the new tabernacle.

11. If the sacrifice of a person would make him perfect, would he need to make more sacrifices?

-No.

12. If the sacrifice of a person would make him perfect, would he still feel dirty and still feel guilty?

-No.

13. Then why did Israel have sacrifices?

-The sacrifices of Israel were to teach Israel and us all about our sin, and that we need a perfect sacrifice.

14. Even though God had given to Israel the law with sacrifices and offerings, why was God not pleased?

-Because Israel believed that their sacrifices and offerings would force God to accept them.

-Because Israel believed in their sacrifices and offerings more than God.

-This lesson continues to teach us that Christ is superior to all angels, prophets, and priests.

Let's read Hebrews 10:19-22

19-Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,

20-by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

21-And since we have a great priest over the house of God,

22-Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

-In the Old Testament, only one man, the high priest, could go behind the curtain and enter the Most Holy Place.

-Only the high priest could enter only one time a year with only the blood from a perfect sacrifice.

-This is because our God is extremely holy.

-Because of the shed blood of the body of Christ, a true Christian can now go through the curtain and enter into the presence of God.

-There is nothing that we can do which allows us to enter into the presence of God.

-It is only the blood of the Lord Jesus which opens the curtain and brings us into the presence of God.

-In the story of the prodigal son, there was nothing that the son did to allow him to be once again with his father.

-The son simply came to his father, and his father did everything else (Lk 15).

-In the Old Testament, the high priest would sprinkle blood on the ark of the covenant one time a year as a temporary payment for the sins of the people.

-Yet, the Lord Jesus has sprinkled His blood on the cross as a permanent and final payment for the sins of those who believe in Him.

-This means that the lives of all true Christians have been completely washed and cleansed from all sin.

Let's read Hebrews 10:23-25

23-Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

24-And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

25-Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

-Our hope should be strong because our hope is in Christ, and not in ourselves.

-It is our Christ alone who is always and completely faithful.

-People are not always faithful, but our God is always and completely faithful.

-With our hope in Christ, we should encourage one another.

-This means that we should not stop, but rather continue to meet together as the family of Christ.

-What is the “Day” which is coming?

-It is when the Lord Jesus will return to take all of His children to heaven.

Let's read Hebrews 10:26-27

26-If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left,

27-but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

-While Christians do sin after having believed in Christ, we do not deliberately keep on sinning.

-While Christians do sin, we feel bad and ask God to forgive us and send our sin to the cross.

-For those who are not true Christians, however, they reject God and deliberately keep on sinning.

-Only those who reject God will face judgment and the Lake of Fire which will consume them.

-In verse 26 above, we learn that people can know the truths of God, but still reject Him.

-People must not only know the truths of God, but also believe them.

Let's read Hebrews 10:28-31

28-Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29-How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

30-For we know him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” and again, “The Lord will judge his people.”

31-It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

-In the Old Testament, if two or three witnesses testified against someone who had rejected the law of Moses, that person would be put to death.

-If someone would be put to death for having rejected the law of Moses, then someone who rejects Christ will also need to die.

-For a non believer, it is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

-This is because suffering in the Lake of Fire is forever.

Let’s read Hebrews 10:32-34

32-Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering.

33-Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult

and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated.

34-You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.

-At times and in some countries, Christians suffer for their belief in Christ.

-As Christians, we can joyfully suffer knowing that we have a better and lasting life in heaven with God.

Let’s read Hebrews 10:35-39

35-So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

36-You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

37-For, “In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay.”

38-And, “But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.”

39-But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

-As a final encouragement in this part of the book, we are encouraged to persevere in our faith in Christ.