

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

*Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.*

April 2014

## *Hebrews*

The Preeminence of Jesus Christ

### **Lesson #14: The Call to Persevere**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Why won't a mere "verbal profession" of Christ save a person? Matt 7:21-23

#### **OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION**

##### **Read Hebrews 10:19-25**

*Note: The "new" (prosphatos) referenced in verse 20 is not "new" versus "old" but something fresh and alive. It is used only here in the New Testament. Its original meaning was "freshly slaughtered." Jesus is the new way, the freshly slaughtered sacrifice that gives everlasting life to those that accept it. The priests were continually washing themselves and the sacred vessels in clear water. Blood was sprinkled as a sign of cleansing.*

1. What is the comparison of Christ's body to the veil in the Holy of Holies?
2. Why does Christ's blood cover our sins? Ex 29:19-21 How can that give us confidence?

*Note: Believers can approach God because of the **blood of Jesus**. Not animal sacrifice but Jesus' sacrifice of himself has opened the door. All who have found a new relationship to God through Jesus can experience this privilege.<sup>1</sup>*

3. What 4 appeals are made? (look for "let us")
4. What happens when Christians draw near to God?

##### **Read Hebrews 10:26-31**

*Note: According to Old Testament law, sins that were a defiant rejection of the law were not covered by sacrifices. Num 15:30; Deut 17:2-7*

5. Do you think this section is written to Christians or non-Christians? Why?
6. If people are judged based on their knowledge, why not keep them in the dark rather than possibly facing worse judgment? 1 Cor 15:1-5
7. How would sinners (apostates) be recognized? Jn: 12:42-43
8. What is the consequence of continuing to sin? Is this warning a realistic deterrent? v. 31

##### **Read Hebrews 10:32-39**

9. What problems were the new believers facing? How does that compare to today?
10. What encouragement does the author provide?

#### **APPLICATION**

How can you persevere in the will of God?

*The major theme of Hebrews is "God has spoken—how are you responding to His Word?" What should a believer do who has drifted away into spiritual doubt and dullness and is deliberately despising God's Word? He should turn to God for mercy and forgiveness. There is no other sacrifice for sin, but the sacrifice Christ made is sufficient for all our sins. It is a fearful thing to fall into the Lord's hands for chastening, but it is a wonderful thing to fall into His hands for cleansing and*

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<sup>1</sup> Lea, T. D. (1999). *Vol. 10: Hebrews, James*. Holman New Testament Commentary (185). Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

*restoration. David said, “Let me fall now into the hand of the Lord; for very great are His mercies” (1 Chron. 21:13).<sup>2</sup>*

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<sup>2</sup>Wiersbe, Warren W.: *The Bible Exposition Commentary*. Wheaton, Ill. : Victor Books, 1996, c1989, S. Heb 10:19