Bible Reading And Study Week 3 – Consider the following in your reading.

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| Sunday, May 15, 2022 | | Hebrews 7:20-28 | | The priests of the order of Aaron came and went. They lived and died. They always needed a replacement. Consequently, there were, over time, many of them, both priests and high priests. But Christ is eternal, having no beginning and no ending. Jesus is the High Priest we need. | 1) What was God’s oath or promise for the term of Christ’s priesthood?  2) List at least 5 characteristics of Jesus identified in these verses.  3) Why is Jesus superior to the priesthood? | | |
| Monday, May 16, 2022 | | Hebrews 8:1-6 | | God promised in the Old Testament that He would replace the old covenant of Moses with a new covenant. Jesus is the fulfillment of that new covenant.  The tabernacle and the temple of the old covenant had beautiful furnishings, but no place for the priests to “sit down” because their work was never finished. The work of Jesus is finished – He is seated in heaven – meaning Christ ministers for us from a position of all authority in heaven. | 1) The “true sanctuary” was made by whom?  2) How does it differ from our sanctuary?  3) Jesus Christ cannot be a priest on earth. Why? | | |
| Tuesday, May 17, 2022 | | Hebrews 8:7-13 | | This passage is from Jeremiah 31:31-34  The Law that God wrote in stone is now being written on the hearts of believers who have a personal relationship with the Living God. | 1. What was the reason for the new covenant? 2. What did God find wrong with his people? 3. Why does God indicate that He must put His teachings in our minds and heart? 4. Why is the old covenant no longer adequate? | | |
| Wednesday, May 18, 2022 | | Hebrews 9:1-10 | | Although the priest worshipped every day, in the temple layout there was veil that provided a barrier from entering the Most Holy Place where he would meet God. Only one day a year, on the Day of Atonement, the high priest went behind the curtain to stand in God’s presence. But the next year, he had to do it all over again.  All of this was symbolic of our sin, which bars us from direct access to God in heaven. | 1. How do you think this argument would persuade Jewish Christians not to run back to Judaism – old covenant? 2. What barred them then and bars non-followers of Christ from today? 3. Did the old covenant impact the worshipper? 4. When did Jesus provide the access to God? | | |
| Thursday, May 19, 2022 | | Hebrews 9:11-15 | | Unlike animal sacrifices, Christ’s blood can cleanse the conscience, so that we may follow and serve a living God.  We are not tormented by our past sins because forgiveness sets us free. | 1. Why was bloodshed an integral part of the sacrificial system God established for Israel? 2. For what reason is Christ the mediator of a new covenant? 3. Does verse 15 shed light on how those of faith in the Old Testament gained salvation? If so, how? | | |
| Friday, May 20, 2022 | | Hebrews 9:16-28 | | The most important will and testament of our lives. These verses revolve around the necessity of a death or life blood as a provisions or terms of a will (or God’s covenant with us) to be transferred to a beneficiary.  Today, people think that sin is forgiven by time, by our good works, by our decent lives, or by simply death. But there is no forgiveness without the shedding of blood, and there is no perfect forgiveness without a perfect sacrifice. | 1. What is the difference between the old and new covenants in terms of the provisions for beneficiaries relating to the need for a death? 2. What follows death?   Note: Remember this passage was written to Hebrew (Jewish) Christians when you answer the next question.   1. Jesus’ first coming was to deal with sin. Jesus second coming in rescue His people is often called what? | | |
| Saturday, May 21, 2022 | | Hebrews 10:1-18 | | Animal sacrifice under the old covenant could cover sin. Remember, God had told Adam that the day he ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he would die. To be truthful to His word, God had to punish sin with death. The Hebrew word for atonement is *kophar,* which literally means, “to cover.” But animal sacrifice could never take away sins. Only Jesus, the Perfect Sacrifice of the new covenant, takes sins away. | 1. What is the point of verses 1 and 2? 2. Verse 3 is a contrast with verses 1 and 2. Rather than relieve the sin problem, the Law and sacrifices worsened it. Why? 3. Paraphrase what Jesus says in verse 5-10. He follows God’s will. 4. In what verses does the Holy Spirit proclaim that Jesus does not cover, but takes our sin? | | |