Hebrews - AK '11, '15

COMMENTER'S GUIDE

WRITE IT OUT!

(On Scannable Single Page Answer Sheets Only)

These 2 additional questions, not found in the exam booklet are designed to make the student dig into the Biblical text and show they understand the Biblical principles studied throughout the course.

Questions 1 – According to Hebrews 2, why was it fitting for Christ to become a man? What does are the benefits of His humanity for us?

1 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

Two reasons are given for why it is fitting: first because whatever God does is right and fitting. Second, it is fitting because our problem concerns suffering and death thus for Christ to become a man to solve our problem it must invade suffering and death. He became a man in order to restore man as rulers in the age to come; he became man to bring many sons t glory; he became man to suffer death on our behalf; he became a man and suffered to disarm the devil; and He became a man so that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest.

1 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

1 - VERSES

Questions 2 – Using Hebrews 8-9, describe some of the ways that the new covenant better than the old covenant.

2 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

We have a better High Priest who serves in the heavenly tabernacle; a new covenant in which we know God and have the law written on our hearts and minds; a better sacrifice in His blood with an eternal inheritance.

2 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

These questions are designed to help the student express their thoughts, feelings, and opinions about something they have learned from the chapter.

EXAM 1 – Some cults describe Jesus as an angel or as a spiritual guru. In view of Hebrews chapter 1, how do you respond?

1 - COMMENTS

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1 - VERSES

- <u>Heb. 1:1</u> God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets.
- <u>Heb. 1:4</u> Having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
- <u>Heb. 7:25</u> He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.
- Heb. 1:8-9 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.
- <u>Heb. 1:10</u> You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.
- Ps. 102:25-27 The heavens are the work of Your hands. ... You are the same, and Your years will have no end.

EXAM 2 – In view of the warning in verses 1-4, describe your own present spiritual state. 2 - COMMENTS

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2 - VERSES

- <u>Heb. 2:3</u> How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation.
- <u>1 Tim. 6:11</u> Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.
- Heb. 12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.

EXAM 3 – Hebrews 4:12 describes the Word of God as "living and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword." No one can hide their life from God. Does this comfort or worry you? Explain.

3 - COMMENTS

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- <u>2 Cor. 5:10</u> We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
- <u>1 Tim. 5:25</u> The good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden.
- <u>Heb. 4:13</u> There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.
- <u>Hebrews 12: 9</u> On the other hand, we had our earthly fathers who disciplined us, and we revered them. Why should we not much better obey the Father of spirits, and live?
- <u>1 Corinthians 11: 29-31</u> For this reason there are many among you who are weak and sick, and many have died. If we examine ourselves, we would not be judged
- 1 John 5:16 If anyone sees his brother commit sin that is not death, he will ask, and God will give him life
- <u>1 Samuel 16: 7</u> For the LORD looketh not on man; For man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.
- Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- Psalms 19:14 Let the sayings of my mouth be gracious, and the meditation of my heart before you, O Jehovah
- <u>Joshua 22: 5</u> That ye love the LORD your God, and walk in all his ways; That ye keep his commandments, and follow him, and serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.
- <u>Joel 2:13</u> Tear your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God; Because he is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and great in mercy, and sorrowful for the punishment.
- Matthew 5: 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

EXAM 4 – In John 15:14-15 Jesus describes His disciples as "friends." A friend has been defined as "someone who understands what it is like to be me." How does the Lord Jesus qualify to be our "friend" in Hebrews 5:1-10?

4 - COMMENTS

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4 - VERSES

- <u>John 15:14</u> You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.
- Prov. 17:17 A friend loves at all times.
- Ps. 145:20 The Lord protects those who love Him.
- <u>2 Cor. 8:9</u> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.
- Matt. 11:19 Lord Jesus was a friend to tax collectors (sinners).

EXAM 5 – If I find that my spiritual life is dull and sluggish what might be the problem? What should I do?

5 - COMMENTS

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5 - VERSES

- <u>Isa. 59:2</u> Sin separates us from God.
- Rom. 10:17 Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- 1 Sam. 15:22-23 To obey is better than sacrifice.
- <u>1 John 1:4-10</u> Fellowship with Him and One Another.
- Ps. 51:12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.
- <u>Isa. 57:21</u> " There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."
- Rom. 1:18–Rom 3:20 Tells of the devastating effects of sin.

EXAM 6 – What is the significance of the fact that Christ is a high priest after the order of Melchizedek?

6 - COMMENTS

• He is eternal, He has neither a beginning nor an end, His Priesthood was confirmed by divine oath. He is our eternal High Priest.

6 - VERSES

- <u>Heb. 7:20-22, 28</u> You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. The law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.
- <u>Heb. 4:14-15</u> Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God...Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- Heb. 6:20 Lord Jesus is our eternal High Priest.

EXAM 7 – In Hebrews 8:6, the author says Jesus is the mediator of a better covenant. In what ways is this covenant better?

7 - COMMENTS

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- <u>Heb. 8:6</u> He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.
- Heb. 8:7-8 If that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because finding fault with them, He says: Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.
- Rom. 11:20 Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear.
- <u>Jer. 31:34</u> I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.
- Heb. 10:12-18 Christ's Death Perfects the Sanctified.

• <u>1 Cor. 11:25</u> This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

EXAM 8 – How would you apply this chapter to a friend who said that he found evangelical worship unsatisfying? He has told you that he would prefer a church where there was a worship experience that was more aesthetic, one that could be seen, felt and smelled (one with priests, candles, incense, altar, bells, stained glass, etc.).

8 - COMMENTS

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8 - VERSES

- Rom. 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
- Eph. 3:11-12 Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.
- Eph. 2:18 Through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.
- <u>Heb. 4:16</u> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- Heb. 9:11-12 Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.
- Heb. 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

EXAM 9 – Hebrews 10:26-27 describes the person who has rejected Christ as the only means of salvation. What do you say to people who say there are other ways to be saved?

9 - COMMENTS

• Reference or give to the student the Captive's Corner Jesus Alone Can Save or Do You Know What the Bible Says or Repentance Toward God and Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ or Salvation Is God's Work or What Must I Do to Be Saved

- <u>Heb. 10:26-27</u> If we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.
- Acts 4:12 There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

• <u>John 14:6</u> I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

EXAM 10 – Some modern preachers of the health and wealth gospel teach that the Christian life always leads to physical and material blessing. What does this passage (esp. vv. 34-38) say to such preachers?

10 - COMMENTS

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10 - VERSES

- <u>Heb. 11:7-8; 39-40</u> Faith overcomes.
- <u>1 Peter 2:19-21</u> When you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.
- <u>Heb. 11:6</u> Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
- <u>1 Tim. 5:23</u> No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities. Timothy was loved by Paul. If Paul could have healed his beloved friend, he would have. This goes to show that God can heal as He can do anything He chooses. But it is not doctrinally sound to say that He will heal us of our physical infirmities or provide material wealth.
- <u>2 Cor. 12:7-9</u> Paul had the "thorn in the flesh" and was not healed, but was told by God that His grace was sufficient.

EXAM 11 – In what way do the values of God's chastening help you to respond positively to that chastening in your life?

11 - COMMENTS

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11 - VERSES

- Prov. 3:11-12 Do not despise the chastening of the LORD ... For whom the LORD loves He corrects.
- Heb. 12:5 Do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him.
- <u>Heb. 12:7</u> If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?
- Heb. 12:11 No chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

EXAM 12 – The author of Hebrews argues strongly against a religion of rites and rituals.

Does this mean that once a person is saved he/she is free from all obligations
to God? On the basis of chapter 13, what can you do to please God?

12 - COMMENTS

• Reference or give to the student the Captive's Corner Add Ons In Their Proper Place

- Heb. 13:15-21 By Him (Jesus) let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God.
- <u>Luke 11:28</u> Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!
- Rom. 12:1-2 Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.
- Romans 6:1-2 For who have died to sin, how shall we live in him?
- Ephesians 2:10 Created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.