

Sunday January 8th 2012
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Twenty Eight
Study Questions

1). Ru 1: 14 *Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.*

- a). Exactly what is happening in this verse?
- b). How does that which is pictured here apply to us in our race of faith?
- c). Why might this be particularly pertinent for us at the moment?
- d). In what way does the Book of Hebrews provide commentary on the actions of Ruth and Orpah?
- e). What particular scriptures did we look at as examples of this?
- f). How is Hebrews particularly helpful in helping us understand what takes place with Orpah?
- g). In what way is the experience of the recipients of the letter to the Hebrews similar to the church of Ephesus as seen in Revelation Chapter 2?
- h). Do you feel you are being squeezed in the olive press at the moment?

2). What Books have we studied in the recent past?

- a). What must happen with respect to what we learn from our study?

b). What scriptures did we look at from 1 Peter that talk about trials and what should we learn from them?

c). Which scripture did we look at that aptly describes the Holy Spirit's revelation of the word to us?

d). Because of that which we are learning which 3 great enemies will we find set against us?

e). In what way can we see the testing of our faith and the world, the flesh and the devil working to bring us to maturity?

f). What does 1 Peter 5:8-10 have to say concerning this?

g). 2Th 3:13 *But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good.*

h). Why might we grow weary in doing good and what might be the consequences for us if we do?

i). If our relationship with the Lord is not what it used to be, then what has probably happened?

3). If we are in pursuit of the Kingdom then who of necessity must we also be in pursuit of and why?

a). Eph 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,*

b). What is significant about that which the Lord says to husbands here?

- c). Why does 'love' need to be commanded?
- d). What does this mean for our pursuit of the King and His Kingdom?
- e). Do we now have in our possession all that we need to know about the King, His coming Kingdom and the race of faith?
- f). Which scripture did we look at that describes what our continual practice ought to be?
- g). What are the 3 facets to be found in the Book of Hebrews?

4). Heb 9: 8 ¶ *the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.*

- a). What contrasts have we noted in our previous studies of Hebrews?
- b). What do we learn from our scripture here?
- c). Read Hebrews 9:11-12 – what contrasts are given to us in these verses?
- d). What do these verses teach us?
- e). What does Christ's ministry in the Heavenly Tabernacle make possible for us, that was never possible in the earthly tabernacle?

5). Read Hebrews 9:13-14 – What contrast is continued in these verses?

- a). What do these verses teach us?

6). Read Hebrews 9:16-18 – For what reason is Christ the mediator of the new covenant?

a). Why must this be by means of death?

b). How did this work with regards to the first covenant?

c). What is the most astounding difference between Christ's sacrifice and the sacrifice of animals?

d). What else do we learn from these verses?

7). Read Hebrews 9:18-26 – according to the verses here how was the blood of calves and goats used and why was it necessary to do this?

a). What comparison is made between this and the Heavenly Tabernacle?

b). Why did the heavenly things need to be purified?

c). What apart from blood is also used for purification?

d). What is another important distinction made between Christ and the Levitical priests in these verses?

e). What would be the correct way for us to view these contrasts?

8). All in all what does Christ's accomplishment in becoming High Priest mean to you?