

NOTE: Our lesson questions are based on the NIV 2011 edition. Our preference is your first time through the questions, you answer without consulting commentaries - delight in what the Holy Spirit will reveal to you.

LESSON 17 HEBREWS 10:19-39

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of forgiveness and the better sacrifice in **Hebrews 10:1-18** has changed your spiritual practices this week and how?

2. Pray for the Holy Spirit to speak through your time of reading **Hebrews 10:19-39**, a call to persecuted believers to persevere. What invitations, warnings and better things does this passage cause you to anticipate? How might these verses have been received by the original audience?

3. Read **V19-22**: How does having "confidence" and a "great priest" allow you to draw near to God? Ponder the fullness of the two "with" statements and of the cleansing in **V22** as part of your response. See **Hebrews 4:14-16**.

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4. From **Hebrews 10:23**, explain in your own words the "hope we profess" (provide references from Scripture, if possible) and why you (and these persecuted believers) are exhorted to hold on to it? What circumstances have weakened your hold on this kind of hope?

5. What are we encouraged to do in **V24-25** and why do you think the author expresses an urgency? Prayerfully come up with one practical way you can act on this Scripture this week.

- 6. **V26-31** contain the fourth of five warnings in the book of **Hebrews**.
 - a) Describe this warning, its severe consequences as well as the conduct and attitudes that gave rise to the warning.

b) What is apparent about the character of God or which of His attributes is highlighted in these verses and how does this fit with your own view of God?

7. a) **V32-34** remind the readers of their earlier days of belief, and their perseverance through trials. What did they endure and what motivated their actions?

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b) **CHALLENGE**: Describe the better and lasting possessions referenced in **V34**. See **Philippians 3:20**, **Revelation 21:2-4**.

8. Read Hebrews 10:35-39:

a) What specific encouragement do these verses offer the persecuted believer?

b) What do you look forward to receiving if you persevere and obey the will of God? Review John 14:2-3, 16:33, Romans 8:17, 23. Share any other verses from the Bible that come to mind.

9. CONSIDER JESUS: THE BETTER CONFIDENCE

To be reminded of the confidence we can have in Jesus, especially during times of persecution or pressure, is rescue! The word for confidence means "free and fearless confidence, cheerful courage, boldness, assurance". Note your observations about the better confidence in Jesus from the verses below and share your cheerful conviction and renewed boldness.

- Ephesians 3:12-13
- Philippians 3:3-11
- Hebrews 10:19-22, 35-36, 39
- 1 John 4:16-18

MEMORY VERSE

"Let us hold unswervingly to hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23

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PRAYER REQUEST