

Hebrews 9:11-22

International Bible Lesson Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further

Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The ***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further*** below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the *International Bible Lesson Study Guide*, which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. What is one blessing believers in Jesus can receive from Jesus as their High Priest?

Jesus will pray (intercede) for us with God, our Heavenly Father.

2. What is one blessing believers in Jesus can receive from Jesus as their sacrifice?

The forgiveness of sins, not just ritual cleansing of our flesh, but purity of conscience to serve the living God.

3. What had to happen before believers in Jesus could receive their promised eternal inheritance?

Jesus had to die on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins.

4. What is one blessing that the followers of Jesus inherit?

Believers in Jesus inherit salvation.

5. Name something sacrifices under the old covenant could not accomplish for the Hebrews.

Sacrifices under the old covenant could not bring forgiveness to those who had committed sins with a high hand (consciously planned sins), only incidental or accidental sins could be forgiven through the sacrificial rituals of the old covenant. Only Jesus' sacrificial death can bring forgiveness for consciously planned sins. Those who had faith in the God of the Hebrew Scriptures; such as Abraham, and those who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior can have their sins forgiven by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

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