

QT Questions — for Hebrews

*May we encourage you, before you read and answer these questions, always take the time to read the chapter first. Then, come back and read the questions and answer them. And if you are unable to answer some of the questions, then, don't let it bother you. Leave it as is. Perhaps, at a future time, you may have a better answer.

- Let's remember, the purpose of our Q & A, is not to answer all the questions, but to sit at Jesus' feet and spend time fellowshiping and worshiping Him, because He is the Lord of our lives, as He is also the greatest love of our lives.

Heb 1 (2/23)

1. In 1:1-4, will you list the many ways the Son is introduced; of all the ways, which one at this time speaks to you most, why?
2. In 1:4-13, how is the Son superior to the angels; what would warrant such comparisons; how is this applicable to us?
3. In 1:9, what did Jesus love and what did He hate; how did His love and hate look like in His life; how would that look in our lives?
4. In 1:14, I think angels are not correctly understood in our world, so there's great misunderstanding, probably in our own minds as well—what does this verse teach us about the relationship between angels and people; how should we treat them in light of their position that our God has placed them?

Heb 2 (2/24)

1. In 2:5-10, how are angels and human beings contrasted; yet, in whose likeness did Jesus come and what did He do; in light of this, how is the value of a person different than what the evolutionist would say?
2. In 2:11, why is Jesus not ashamed of His brothers and sisters; how is this applicable to you; do you have the same view that Jesus has and what is that?
3. In 2:14-15, how did Jesus share in our humanity; what did He do as our Substitute; what did Jesus do for you by His death?
4. In 2:17-18, what does Jesus becoming fully human in every way got to do with us; what does His suffering in His temptation got to do with us; what do all of these things about Jesus got to do with you?

Heb 3 (2/25)

1. In 3:1, where must our thoughts be fixed on; why is Jesus referred to as "our apostle and high priest", aren't they titles for humans?
2. In 3:1-6, though both Jesus and Moses were faithful, why is Jesus given a greater honor; how is this applicable to us?
3. In 3:7-19, why was God angry with the people and what became of these people; what must we learn from this?
4. In 3:12-13, what does sin do before the living God; what are God's people encouraged to do daily for one another; how can we be obedient before our living God daily?

Heb 4 (2/26)

1. In 4:1-11, what works do faith and unbelief produce; who are some people who entered into God's rest in faith and who are some who did not; how is this applicable to your life?
2. In 4:12, how is God's word described; can you describe how this looks in a person's life; can you describe when this has happened to you?
3. In 4:13, exposure to the word of God means exposure to God Himself—what secrets are you able to hide away from God; why is God's all seeing, nothing hidden from Him an amazing blessing to us; how well have you learned to confess all of your inner secrets and hidden agendas to Him?
4. In 4:14-16, how is Jesus described here; how can Jesus help us when we are led to approach God's holy throne when we know we are completely guilty of all of our sins; how is this truth impacting and shaping your life today?

Heb 5 (2/28)

1. In 5:1-4, God selects and appoints the high priest—how does this person “earn” his place or does he; what are his responsibilities before God and with the people; what must he do for himself in order to fulfill his given tasks well; how is this applicable for you?
2. In 5:5-10, in what ways is Jesus the high priest; why would Jesus' high priesthood matter to you?
3. In 5:8, what do you think it means that “He learned obedience from what He suffered”; how can we also learn what He learned?
4. In 5:11-14, will you describe the heart of a person who needs to be taught the elementary truths of God's word again and how can you learn what not to do here; what does the heart of a maturing Christian look like and what must we learn here?

Heb 6 (3/1)

• Many Christians have different views on this chapter, especially verses 4-6. Because it is not easy, may I encourage you to read and chew this chapter slowly. And if it is not clear when you are done, don't let that discourage you. It's ok to have confusion. It's good to wrestle with God's truth. Sometimes, like a big thick juicy steak, you have to chew longer. Remember the disciples, it took them over three years to understand what the resurrection meant. So, please, let's not dismiss it quickly when we don't understand. Always, with great humility and hunger to learn more of God's truth, prayerfully ask for His wisdom. And if on this sitting you are not able to discern His truth, then leave it there for now, and later, maybe like the disciples, God's grace will bring to light His truth.

1. In 6:1-3, God is wanting His people to move from the elementary teachings to maturity in Christ—what are some of the basic teachings we need to move forward; how can we move forward to maturity; where are you in this process and how can you move forward to maturity?
2. In 6:4-6, some Christians believe we can lose our salvation, but we do not. We believe Christ's sacrifice for His people once for all, is a forever salvation that we cannot ever lose, no matter how often and how many sins we fall into—so, what

does it mean in our passage that those who have fallen away cannot be brought back to repentance; if Christ is crucified once for all, how can He be crucified all over again?

3. In 6:9-12, we can see the purpose of the stern teaching for the previous verses—what is God desiring for His people to learn from this?
4. In 6:13-20, we are told that God's promises are certain—how does God explain with Abraham's life and Melchizedek' priesthood; how is this applicable to you?

Heb 7 (3/2)

1. In 7:1-10, what two actions show Melchizedek's priesthood are superior than Abraham's Levite descendants?
2. In 7:11, why couldn't the Messiah have been a priest from the order of Levi?
3. In 7:13-28, what are the differences between Jesus and the Levites?
4. In 7:24-28, how is Jesus' permanent priesthood vital for us in our sinfulness; can you explain in your own way, when someone should ask you, why do I need Jesus to be my priest?

Heb 8 (3/3)

1. In 8:1-2, what is the main point God wants us to know; why is this precious to us?
2. In 8:3-6, what is the connection between the two sanctuaries on earth and on heaven; so what must the earthly sanctuary be careful to keep; what does this teach us about how we are to worship here on earth?
3. In 8:7-9, what was wrong with the first covenant; how is this applicable to us?
4. In 8:10-12, what's is the new covenant and why is it good; who fulfills this new covenant and how; how is the new covenant shaping your life?

Heb 9 (3/4)

1. In 9:1-5, in the Tabernacle, how many rooms were there and what were inside each rooms; what were the three things inside the ark, and what were God's people to remember and learn from each of them?
2. In 9:6-10, how was the high priest meant to function in the Most Holy Place; what was the Holy Spirit teaching through such function; how is that applicable to us?
3. In 9:11-14, how is the high priesthood of Christ different; what can His ministry do for us versus what a human high priest could not do with his ministry?
4. In 9:15-28, Christ is our new Mediator—where did He enter to appear for us in God's presence; why is this a better and perfect mediation than the Most Holy Place; how do we become the recipient of Christ's perfect mediation?
 - 1Tim 2:5—"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus."
 - The Catholics misunderstand Christ's mediation. So the poor substitute they have created is to go to the priests and confess and do the penance as he instructs, which completely takes away the perfect sufficiency of Christ's mediation. They are a faith by works, and not faith in the object of our faith, Christ Jesus.

Heb 10 (3/5)

1. In 10:1-4, how is the law a shadow of the good things that are coming; what are the limitations of the law; how are we suppose to be when we draw near to worship the perfect God; how is that even possible for us?
2. In 10:5-18, why did Jesus not offer sacrifices like other priests; how often did Jesus have to sacrifice and what did that accomplish; how is that applicable to you?
3. In 10:19-25, God's holy wrath is what we will justly receive if we enter the throne of God in our own strength (just as we are, so to speak)—so, what gives us the confidence that we will NOT receive the frightening judgment, when enter the Most Holy Place; so how should we draw near to God; how should this impact the way we enter into every worship before our God?
4. In 10:26-31, God's word has told us that ALL of our sins, not only the past, but even future ones, even the sins we continue to repeat, knowing full well we are repeating those sins again, are all already forgiven in Christ—so what does it mean that when we deliberately keep on sinning that no sacrifice for sins is left; do you repeat your sins, so are you forgiven even when you repeat your ugly sins or are you judged and condemned for your repeat sins?
5. In 10:32-39, does our perseverance earn us God's kingdom, why or why not; what does it mean that it is God's will that we persevere; how can we persevere to be in God's will?

Heb 11 (3/7)

1. Please connect 11:1 & 6—how does the definition of faith change when it is defined simply with verse 1 only, and when the definition come by connecting these two verses; can you attempt to write as simply as you know how, on the definition of faith?
2. In 11:2-31, God says that each of our heroes acted “by faith”—which person's action by faith stirs you to want to know and love our God more today; how can you learn to obey in your life today as your hero did in our passage?
3. In 11:32-38, how was the world not worthy of them, when all we see here is how greatly they suffered; would you write a prayer for yourself in light of these verses?
4. In 11:39-40, how does verse 39 summarize all the people of faith in this chapter; how can our faith be so glorious when our lives are not nearly as awesome as these people of faith; what is the same end picture of their faith and ours?

Heb 12 (3/8)

1. In 12:1-3, how does sin work in us; what did Jesus do; why should we have our eyes fixed on Jesus and consider Him?
2. In 12:4-13, we are clearly taught that discipline is truly good for us, even though it surely comes with pain and hardship, that we may not desire—so, what are the benefits that God's discipline brings to our lives; how can we humbly and thankfully embrace the difficult lessons of discipline?
3. In 12:14-17, we are told that without holiness on one will see the Lord—are we then unable to see the Lord because we know in our lives we sin, which means, we are not holy; how is the issue of holiness resolved; has He done this for you and how do you know He did?

4. In 12:28-29, why are we taught that our God is a consuming fire; how should this truth impact God's church, which includes our lives?

Heb 13 (3/9)

1. In 13:1-10, we are given several practical concerns which warrant much meditation —will you highlight and share couple of them that speaks to your heart today?
2. In 13:7, 17, 24, how does God want us to treat the leaders; how can we bless them to walk well with our Lord?
3. In 13:12-13, what does it mean to go to Jesus outside the camp (please meditate along with Ex 29:14; Lev 16:21-22); how is this applicable to our lives today?
4. In 13:15-16, God highlights two sacrifices that pleases Him—what were they; why do think that was; and how can we also offer such sacrifices that pleases our God in our lives?

From Hebrews

- There are many truths that we were not able to cover through our Q & A.
- If there are other truths you would like to meditate and share, please do so for yourself and also bless us by sharing them with us.