

# Bible Study Questions

## Everything You Ever Hoped For: Inner Transformation

### Focus

If we look carefully at the regulations for worship associated with the earthly tabernacle, we'll see that in and of themselves they were unable to deal with the guilt of human sin, but that instead they were pointing us to the coming of Jesus who has indeed redeemed us from the guilt of our sin so that we can now enter God's presence and serve Him out of a pure conscience.

### Read

[Hebrews 9:1-14](#)

### Listen

CCNYC teaching on Hebrews which can be found on our [website](#)

*As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.*

### Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage – for example:
  - What's the context? (Where are we in Hebrews; the New Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
  - Who are the people and/or situations that this passage is addressing?
  - What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
  - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
  - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
  - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

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### **Questions for Reflection and Application**

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. In what ways does this passage once again emphasize the superiority of Jesus and His work?
2. What does the layout of the tabernacle and the Most Holy Place tell us about the character of God? What does it mean that Jesus has now entered the holy places when previously the way in wasn't yet opened (v.8)? Why does this matter for your life?
3. How did the continuous nature of the gifts and offerings in the old covenant demonstrate their insufficiency and what does this then tell us about Jesus' offering in the new covenant? How does this encourage you and give you assurance in your relationship with God?
4. What were the gifts and sacrifices offered under the old covenant good for if they couldn't perfect the conscience of the worshiper?
5. What does it mean for your conscience to be purified from 'dead works'? According to this passage, in what way has Jesus made this possible for you?
6. Instead of going to Jesus and embracing the eternal redemption we have in Him, what are some insufficient (external) ways that people – perhaps you – try to quiet their conscience when it convicts them of wrongdoing?
7. How does this cleansing work that Jesus does in your conscience free you to genuinely worship God and joyfully serving Him in your life?
8. What might it look like to try and serve God out of a conscience not purified? Why is that kind of service wholly inadequate?

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*Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:*

1. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?
2. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
3. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?