

**The Book of Hebrews**  
**The Old and New Covenants**

**Wednesday, February 03, 2021**

**6:30 PM-8:00 PM**

**Reading**  
**Chapters 9 & 10**

**Opening Prayer**

**Questions to Consider**

Chapters 9 and 10 have two missions. They contrast in detail the offering for and the cleansing of sin under the Old Covenant established at Mount Sinai and those of the New Covenant established by Jesus Christ, and they call the Jewish Christian community to faithfulness to the New Covenant.

**Chapter 9**

1. Verses 1-7 describe the worship setting and practices of the ancient Hebrews, particularly the practices of sacrifice, and especially in Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement. Why were these things done?
2. How are these practices similar to and different from the sacrifice of Jesus?
3. Verse 22 is one of the most significant, yet difficult in the New Testament. It says in essence that there is no forgiveness without taking life, without a death. How do you interpret this verse? How do you feel about what it says?

**Chapter 10**

4. What is the meaning of verses 16 and 17, and how does this differ from the Old Covenant?
5. The Hebrews are urged to hold tightly to the faith, earned though hardship and suffering for the Lord will shortly come. Do you find this encouraging, two thousand years later? Why? Why not?
6. Here is another well known verse from the Book of Hebrews, "It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God. "

**Closing Prayer**