

Solution to Study 0066

1. Since the sanctuary of God under the new covenant is in heaven, does the new covenant worshipper have to ascend into heaven in a literal sense to worship God? (**Romans 10:6-10**)

No

2. If your answer to (1) above is “Yes”, please go on to (3) below. If your answer is “No”, where then does a new covenant believer worship God? (**1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16; John 4:20-24**)

In Spirit and in truth: since your body is the temple of God, it is in your state of holiness that you can truly be said to worship God.

3. What sacrifice do believers in Christ bring when they come to worship God? (**Hebrews 13:15; Psalm 69:30-31; 107:21-22**)

Praise and Thanksgiving (the fruit of our lips)

4. Why is the item brought by believers in Christ in (3) above considered a sacrifice? (**Ephesians 5:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; please add Acts 16:16-34**)

(a) It is something you do whether or not things are working for you.

(b) It is something you do in every situation, good or bad.

(c) Because it is the will of God which may not agree with the flesh.

5. In what way is the blood of the new covenant better than the blood of the old covenant? (**Hebrews 9:13-14; 10:1-4, 19**)

(a) The blood of Jesus cleanses our consciences from dead works, so that we are able to serve the living God; unlike the blood of goats and calves, which is merely ceremonial cleansing without a commensurate transformation in the life of the individual.

(b) The blood of Jesus takes away sins completely, so that the individual does not have any guilt whatsoever for sin; unlike the blood of goats and calves which merely covered sin for just one year, and causes a remembrance of sin each time or year sacrifice for sin is made.

(c) The blood of Jesus enables us to enter into the Holiest (the throne room of God) at any time; unlike the blood of goats and calves, through which the old covenant worshipper could not even enter into the inner court, the priests could not enter the holiest, and even though the high priest could enter the Holiest, he could only do so once a year.

6. Since all who worship God under the new covenant have access into the throne room of God, through the blood of Jesus, what would that make every believer in Christ in the context of the old covenant? (**Exodus 19:6; Revelation 1:6; 5:10**)

Priests

Conclusion

There is more to talk about on the subject of new covenant worship, but suffice to say that our worship of God under the new covenant requires that we are first and foremost saved from sin through the blood of Jesus, and then we have access into the presence of God, where we can now worship God directly (without any intermediaries). In the presence of God, we are able to give our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving directly, which makes us priests unto our God.