

ANALYSIS:

1. What facts in verses 1-3 proves that the blood of animals does not make the worshipper perfect? _____

2. By what means would God's will, that we be sanctified, be accomplished? _____

3. Where did Jesus go after He had offered Himself for our sins?

4. Since we can come boldly into the holiness by the blood of Jesus, what 3 activities are we commanded to be doing which are introduced by "Let us ... ?" _____

5. These Jewish believers were encouraged not to cast away their confidence in Christ for what reasons? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The apostle calls these Jewish believers to remember their early days following their conversion. They had proven their faith by enduring many afflictions. This had involved being exposed to public abusive insults. They had sincerely shared in sympathy as companions with other persecuted believers. They had supported Paul in his imprisonment. They had joyfully accepted the seizure of their property -- looking with the eye of faith for that better and enduring possession in heaven. The apostle reminds them that God will reward them for doing His will. Keep true a little longer -- your Lord cometh!

Trials and testings, by adverse circumstances and manifold sufferings, during this life are "common to man" for God's saints (1 Cor 10:13). "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake" (Phil 1:29). Never let difficulties turn you from humbly obeying the Lord Jesus. The best is yet to come! "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom 8:18).

HELP:

1. The blood of animals had to be offered year after year continually, the blood of animals did not relieve the worshipper's conscience regarding his sins (vs 1-3).

2. By the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all (v 10).

3. Jesus sat down on the right hand of God (v 12).

4. Let us ... [1] Draw near in full assurance, [2] hold fast the profession of our faith, [3] consider one another to provoke unto love and good works (vs 22-25).

5. So that they might receive God's reward/promise, because the Lord will come and not tarry, the LORD does not have pleasure in any who draw back (vs 35, 37, 38).