HEBREWS

(Answers)

CHAPTER 1

1. God made the world and the world to come (the worlds; the ages) for Jesus to be the heir of all things. This took place before man was created.
2. Jesus is the living example and expressed nature, character, and will of God.
3. God anointed Jesus over His companions.
4. God laid the foundation of the world.
5. To minister to the saints.
6. The writer is showing that God is the one in control and He has chosen the Son to rule the kingdom. The angels did not rise to that level but do have a ministering duty to the saints.

CHAPTER 2

1. Since Jesus is greater than the angels we must give greater heed and obedience to the word we have heard. It affects our salvation.
2. Man is a little lower than the angels.
3. a. How to overcome death. b. By Jesus' death, it is possible for us to die and then live again.
4. Everything is for God and by God.
5. Jesus is the captain of our salvation.
6. Not only did He defeat Satan and overcome death but He became a merciful mediator and aid to us in time of our temptations.

CHAPTER 3

1. a. Moses led the house of the Israelites. b. Jesus leads the house of both Jews and Gentiles who believe in Him. c. God built both houses. d. Moses was a servant to God in his house. Jesus was given ownership and became king of His house.
2. We must maintain our faith and hope in the gospel firm to the end of our life.
3. We are warned not to depart from God as Israel did when they stopped trusting and obeying Him and fell into sin.
4. Through being deceived by sin, we seek its temporary pleasures and "rewards." We eventually turn away from God and righteousness and purity.
5. "Today" is now, in our lifetime. When we hear the word of God and are exhorted by other believers, we must heed the word and be obedient to it turning away from sin and to trusting in God.
6. Belief is trust and confidence in God. This leads to obeying Him. Therefore, belief means to obey (vs. 18 &19). Belief only exists if we obey Him.

CHAPTER 4

1. The rest from their works and deeds of life as they strived to please God and do His will. This rest will be in the next age to come.
2. By believing and trusting in God we will be obedient to God. Then we will enter His rest.
3. The Word is in us and will guide us. We are a living example of the word. Obedience to the Word will affect our soul and spirit. The word also reveals our condition.
4. Jesus was tempted, as we are and remained sinless. We can draw on His purity for strength in our temptations and His mercy and grace when we fall.

CHAPTER 5

1. He was not of the order of the Levites. Jesus was of the tribe of Judah.
2. Jesus taught us by word and example. As He learned obedience to God and dwells in eternal life, we too must follow His example of obedience to God.
3. They had much to teach about Jesus and His teachings.
4. They have exercised their senses to God's will and spiritually matured in discerning good and evil.

CHAPTER 6

1. a. Yes. b. They didn't exercise their senses in righteousness. Their root died and they fall away. c. They have once before repented but now choose to turn away from their faith in Jesus. They will have to repent on their own because they know the Word and what they are doing. c. They have rejected Jesus as the Jews did before. People will see you have fallen away not living as a believer bringing open shame to Jesus.
2. They are useless and abandoned by God. Their end is to be burned (vs. 8).
3. To be diligent to the end in doing the things God's Spirit dictates so they may have full assurance of salvation (vs. 11).
4. Those who are faithful and patient in doing the will of God.
5. The promise and oath of God concerning our blessing through Jesus and our eternal rest to come. God can not lie.

CHAPTER 7

1. This showed that the Jews paid tithe to a non-Levite priest. Now, Jesus is the non-Levite priest (vs. 14). As they accepted Melchizedek, they are to accept and pay tribute to Jesus also.
2. The law could not make complete reconciliation to God nor could it change their hearts.
3. Jesus lives and His priesthood is forever, a continual sacrifice for our sins.

CHAPTER 8

1. It was a shadow, a copy, or a hint of the true heavenly tabernacle and the worship of God.
2. We can live forever; we have the purest sacrifice in Jesus and a High Priest who won't die (7:22-23). We can approach God ourselves.
3. He sent His Holy Spirit upon us.
4. He will forgive us (those who are truly repentant) of our sins.

CHAPTER 9

1. He became the everlasting sacrifice of redemption. The sacrificing of animals and the rituals of the law were done away with.
2. We are the temple of the Lord now (1 Cor. 3:16). God dwells in us by His Spirit. We worship and approach God directly (spiritually) in our hearts and minds.
3. Like a last will and testament that doesn't go into effect until the person dies so also the new covenant did not go into effect until Jesus died.
4. The heavenly sanctuary required a more pure sacrifice than the earthly tabernacle.

CHAPTER 10

1. We have a pure High Priest in Jesus and full evidence of atonement. His blood completely cleanses us. If we need atonement for sin we just ask for it. "Conscience" here means that one would have no apprehension of future wrath
2. God was not satisfied with sacrifice after sacrifice. The blood of bulls and goats could not reconcile us to God. Jesus the sinless sacrifice completely reconciled us to God once and forever.
3. We no longer have to sacrifice animals which bring death but enter the presence of God spiritually through the sacrifice of Jesus which brings life.
4. There is a fearful and dreadful punishment awaiting those who draw back. They will not receive the promise of eternal life.
5. Paul (vs. 34).
6. After enduring trials to the end and doing the will of God. The promise encourages us as we endure our trials.
7. Drawing back means to forsake God, renounce your religion, and your faith in Him.
8. They will face perdition and the destruction of their souls. This also happened with the angels who turned from God. They now face calamity and darkness forever. Adam too was blessed until he sinned. Now all mankind face death and corruption.

CHAPTER 11

1. We must have faith in God and diligently seek Him.
2. Those who diligently seek Him.
3. A better resurrection – the heavenly homeland which is eternal life in heaven.
4. They will receive the promise of the homeland, the rest, and eternal life with us. (Their souls are asleep, waiting for the day of resurrection.)

CHAPTER 12

1. We should follow their example. We practice our faith, endure trials and persecutions, and keep our hope in the promise of resurrection and eternal life.
2. Jesus is our example for our faith from beginning to end.
3. He chastens us to correct us.
4. We become legitimate children of God partakers of His holiness producing the fruit of righteousness which will lead to eternal life.
5. Pursue peace with all and holiness unto God.
6. We must be careful not to fall short of the grace of God through bitterness or sin.
7. As Esau could not regain his birthright and inherit the blessing we too will forfeit our inheritance and promise of eternal life.
8. Through His grace we can communicate with God in His heavenly tabernacle no longer in fear as they did before on the mountain.
9. We should serve Him acceptably (pursue peace and holiness) with reverence and with godly fear.

CHAPTER 13

1. The stranger may be one who is a child of God here and who will be an angel afterwards at the resurrection. Brotherly love should be practiced to those we know and those we may not know. The other explanation is to take it literally that it refers to angels that God sends to test us or influence us.
2. The Gospel of Christ and the way to heaven is unchangeable. Do not listen to strange doctrines (vs. 9).
3. The sacrifice of prayer, praise, of doing good works, and giving thanks. These are offerings that please God.
4. God makes us fully ready for every good work and His will through His Spirit. He chastens us to correct us and reveals His wisdom when we seek it.