

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY FOR 6/13/12

- 1. EXODUS 37:1-9 DESCRIBES THE MAKING OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT, WHICH WAS TO BE THE FOCAL POINT OF GOD'S PRESENCE AMONG HIS PEOPLE. WHY WAS THE ARK DESIGNED TO BE PORTABLE? WHAT MESSAGE DOES THE PORTABILITY OF THE ARK PROVIDE TO GOD'S PEOPLE TODAY? SEE ALSO MATTHEW 28:20.**
- 2. the priestly breast piece held 12 precious stones representing the 12 tribes of the Old Testament people of God (Exodus 39:8-14). Describe the assembly of God's people of all time. See Revelation 7:9-10.**
- 3. Consider Leviticus 1:3, 5 and I Peter 1:18-19. How does the animal selected for the sacrifice remind us of Jesus, the ultimate sacrifice for all sins?**
- 4. Note the reference to sacrifices as an aroma pleasing to the Lord (Leviticus 3:5, 16). Consider also Ephesians 5:2 and Philippians 4:18. What actions of New Testament believers are a "fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God"?**
- 5. Leviticus 6:1-7 describes how someone who has sinned against his neighbor was to seek to make the matter right with the offended person. Similarly, as the love of Christ compels us, New Testament believers also seek to make restitution for the harm we have caused to others. What example does Luke 19:5-9 provide of the life-changing actions that result when Jesus intervenes in a person's life? What examples can you give of similar actions on the part of God's forgiven people?**
- 6. Leviticus 9:23-24 describes the joy of the people when they witnessed the fire from the Lord consuming the sacrifice they had place upon the altar. According to Psalm 51:14-17, what pleases God even more than sacrifices?**