

# **Hebrews 13**

## **Hebrews 13.1-6**

**V1** – We have the final admonishment of the letter here, a summing up of all that has been said

-**What is at the top of the list?** To love our fellow Christians

**V2** – **What is emphasized here?** To show hospitality to strangers

-**What have some done without knowing it?** Entertained angels

-Reference to *Genesis 18-19* when the three strangers visited Abraham

-Abraham did not know at first that they were angelic beings (2 angels, plus the pre-incarnate Christ)

-**How can we show hospitality today?**

**V3** – **Which people should we remember in our prayers?** Prisoners (especially for the cause of Christ) and those who are being mistreated

-**Why?** Because we are still in the body also (it could happen to us)

**V4** – **Did the writer say, “Let marriage be held in honor among all, but if you want to live together before marriage, God doesn’t mind”?**

-**What is to be undefiled?** The marriage bed (no sex outside of the marriage bed)

-**What will be the punishment?** God will judge (very, very serious words)

**V5** – **What else were they warned about?** Not to love money

-**What was the answer to the love of money?** To be content and to remember that God will take care of us

**V6** – **What should be our attitude?** God will be with us

## **Hebrews 13.7-10**

**V7** – **Which people were they to remember?** The ones who led them to Christ

-**What were they to imitate?** Their conduct

**V8** – **Why does this statement appear here?** To further encourage them to place their trust in Jesus (not in the Old Law)

**V9** – A warning against false teachers

-**Foods?** Dietary laws under the Old Law

**V10** – The New Testament altar cannot be shared with the Old Testament altar (no compromise, because the New Covenant is truly new)

## **Hebrews 12.11-14**

**V 11** – The carcasses of the animals sacrificed under the Old Law were burned outside the camp  
-The meat was eaten by Levite priests (*Beacon Bible Commentary*, X, 174)

**V 12** – **What is the application to Jesus?** He died on the cross outside the gates of Jerusalem (just as the animals did)

**V 13** – **Conclusion?** We will be rejected also by the world; therefore, we should not place our hope in any earthly "Jerusalem"

**V 14** – **What again can be said about this life?** Not a lasting city (only heaven is eternal)  
-What a magnificent verse this is!

## **Hebrews 12.15.17**

**V 15** – **What does God want?** For us to praise him  
-**How?** With the fruit of the lips (singing in worship) – this totally rules out instrumental music in worship

**V 16** – **What else does God want?** For us to do good and share

**V 17** – **What does he say about the elders?** We are to obey them  
-**Why?** Because they watch over our souls  
-**Why should we try to make their job as easy as possible?** Because this is profitable for us  
-**What are the consequences to those who cause trouble for elders?** Truly ominous!

## **Hebrews 12.18-19**

**V 18** – **What kind of prayer did the writer want on his behalf?** That he might conduct himself honorably (not that he would avoid persecution)

**V 19** – **What do we learn about the speaker?** That he wanted to be with the readers

## **Hebrews 12.20-25**

**V 20** – **How is Jesus Christ described?** The great shepherd of the sheep

**V 21** – **What was his prayer?** That God would equip the readers for every good thing

**V 22** – **Message?** Listen to what I have been writing about

**V 23** – **What do we learn about Timothy?** That he had been released from prison recently

**V 24** – **Where was the writer?** Outside of Italy (See *Beacon Bible Commentary*, X, 21)

**V 25** – Closing: emphasis on grace

**What great lessons we have learned from the book of *Hebrews*?**

(Also, you can ask students to read their favorite verse from *Hebrews*)

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