

Hebrews 13:1-25

Topic: This is one of the most neglected books of the bible. We don't know who the author is, but we do know it was written for the instruction of the temple before 70 A.D. It is to the Jews what the book of Romans is to the Gentiles. Hebrews tells of sacrifices and rituals and exalts the sovereignty of Christ. It tells of Christ's relation to Moses and Abraham and all their people. This is why the Book of Hebrews is so great. The message of Hebrews is this: go on to spiritual maturity. Don't sit back on your laurels; get up and do something for the Lord, spread the word, help someone who doesn't ask but you see the need. Jesus Christ is our mediator to God. If you read only one book of the entire bible, this should be the one.

Heb 13:1: God wants us to take his Word and tell everyone else, to spread the love. Let brother love continue, not brotherly. We're to love because we are brothers, not just like we were brothers. Let the trivial arguments go.

Vs2: "angels" means "messengers", and this verse means that God still sometimes still sends angelic messages to us.

Vs3: put yourself in somebody else's place when they are going through hard times, to see how they are feeling before you make a judgement call.

Vs4: Marriage is a unique institution that God created between a man and a woman, and no man is to mess it up.

Vs5: this is your manner of life, how you live, how you behave. This is your love of money – make sure you don't exhibit a love of money. It's what you use it for that makes it good or bad. Like and want what you have, not what you don't have.

Vs6: The world situation is becoming worse everyday, but don't worry or be afraid. The Lord is your helper. He says it will only get worse, up to the tribulation times.

Vs7: You are to remember those people who are guiding you in God's word. Remember them, listen to them, and take seriously what they teach. Do they walk the talk? Do they do what God's word says to do? You have an obligation as a congregation to follow our pastor as long as our pastor follows the Word of God. Use the pastor as a guiding light, as a role model. If he doesn't follow the Word of God, don't follow him.

Vs8: Jesus Christ is the same for all the ages. He has never changed, never has, and never will. Our circumstances change, but not the Lord's.


Vs9: There are many doctrines going around today, and we call them cults. To tell if something is a cult, see if they lift up anything other than Jesus Christ, and any other way to get to heaven than through Jesus Christ. Take a look at their lives. Has their beliefs enhanced their spiritual life one bit? In the bible, if it moves, eat it. We are allowed to eat anything but blood according to the bible. The blood exception is in the New Testament.

Vs10-14: "sanctify" means "set aside". The priests have no right to eat the sacrifices that they sacrifice to God. They would burn the animal body outside of the city gates, and bring the blood in to sprinkle on the mercy seat once a year. Jesus Christ also was killed outside the gates, and we are to go to Him, and wait for our promised heavenly city in the future.

Vs15: Our behaviour should honor God no matter what we are doing or who we are dealing with.

Vs16: give to others what you have, and share with them who have not. Give and help those who are less fortunate. We are to share our time, talents, and money.





Vs17: Again, we are to obey our pastors and spiritual teachers. They are not dictators: they are our guides. They are here to help us, to guide us, and to help us with joy in their hearts. These human leaders are held to a higher accountability than lay people. They have to give an account to God as to how they served you and lead you to God and their teachings about God to you. They must treat all with honor and respect, and help you all they can when they can. This is no joke.

Vs18: Pray for your pastors and bible study teachers because they are trying to live a life in all honesty before you that is above reproach and honors Christ, to set a role model for you and to have a good conscience.

Vs19: I beg you, because I want to come to you, so pray for me.

Vs20: This covenant in the blood of Christ is eternal,

Vs21: and it is to make you complete as a Christian to do God's will, not our will.

Vs22: beseech you, begging with you, pleading with you to get out here and make changes in peoples' lives.

Vs23: we're not sure which Timothy this is, but he was arrested and put in jail at one time in his life, and he's been released at this point

Vs24: This writer was in Italy, and we know Paul was there, but we're not sure if Paul is the author of Hebrews.

Vs25: Grace be with you. This is the end of the Book of Hebrews.

