



Hebrews

The Supremacy of Jesus

Lesson # 12

Chapter 13

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Review of Hebrews chapters 1-11

The supremacy of Jesus over the symbols of Judaism

Prophet – Jesus is greater than the prophets. He is God’s Word through whom He speaks

Priest – Jesus is greater than the Levitical priesthood. His priesthood is after the order of Melchizedek which is not of the tribe of Levi. He is the great high priest.

King – Jesus is the king prophesied to come from the tribe of Judah. Jesus fulfills the Messianic expectation of Israel, but in a way that was not expected.

Hebrew 13:1-25

Benefits And Responsibilities Of Life In The Church

Hebrews 13:1-6

1 Let brotherly love continue. **2** do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. **3** Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also. **4** Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled: but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. **5** Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” **6** So we may boldly say; The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

Hebrews 13:1-6 continued

Under the theme of love for the brethren there are five specific activities
in which believers are to engage:

- *Show Hospitality*
- *Visit those in prison*
- *Minister to the mistreated*
- *Honor marriage*
- *Free themselves from the love of money*

Hebrews 13: 7-9

7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. 9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

- Respect your pastor/teacher as the gift from Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16).*
- Observe their conduct which is their manner of life (1 Timothy 3:1-7).*
- Remember the doctrinal foundation that has been laid (Ephesians 2:8-10).*

Encouragement to Converts from Judaism

Hebrews 13:10-14

10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. 12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. 13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. 14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. - NKJV

10 We have an altar from which the priests in the Tabernacle have no right to eat. 11 Under the old system, the high priest brought the blood of animals into the Holy Place as a sacrifice for sin, and the bodies of the animals were burned outside the camp. 12 So also Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates to make his people holy by means of his own blood. 13 So let us go out to him, outside the camp, and bear the disgrace he bore. 14 For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come. NLT

Hebrews 13:15-16

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. 16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

The praise to be offered by believers is thanks to God the Father for the sacrifice made by Jesus. This praise has two parts. First praise is to be the fruit of our lips. This is verbal praise to be done with our voices. The second part of this exhortation to praise is demonstrated by works. We are “*not to forget to do good and to share...*”. To share material goods, encouragement, helping and assisting other believers in their time of need.

For with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Hebrews 13:17-18

17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. 18 Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. 19 But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you sooner.

- *To submit means to honor the order that God has given in the home and in the church. It does not mean to be lorded over or to become somehow subordinate or less than. This is a misconception based on a worldly view.*
- *Here it is taught that believers are to understand and respect the ministry of pastors who have the responsibility for their spiritual health. The church that pleases God is one where there is a healthy relationship between pastor and people.*
- *Paul requested prayer both for himself and for all pastors and leaders.*

Hebrews 13:20-25

20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. 22 And I appeal to you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation, for I have written to you in few words. 23 Know that our brother Timothy has been set free with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly. 24 Greet all those who rule over you, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you. 25 Grace be with you all. Amen

The author prayed for his brothers and sisters in the church to be blessed. Recounting the sacrificial work of Christ, he prayed that God would equip them to do His will. He asked them to receive this message of exhortation, meaning this theological sermon that he had written for their benefit. After bringing greetings from the Italian community and news about Timothy, he ended with a blessing: Grace be with you all.