

## **Heb 13:7-14**

### Closing Commands (Part 2)

- I. **Introduction:** The author of Hebrews urged his audience to respond to the message he had been preaching about Jesus' superiority with practical application.
  
- II. Closing Commands (**Heb 13:7-14**).
  - A. Let us Imitate Leaders (**vv. 7-8**).
    - 1. The author of Hebrews urged his fellow Jewish Christians to emulate those who led and preached the Bible to them but to depend only on Jesus Christ.
  
  - B. Let us Protect Doctrine (**vv. 9-10**).
    - 1. The writer of Hebrews exhorted them not to be carried away by strange teachings which would cause them to drift away from the essential truths of the Gospel.
  
  - C. Let us Suffer Righteously (**vv. 11-14**).
    - 1. The author encouraged his readers to identify themselves with Jesus and his reproach rather than Judaism and the Old Covenant sacrificial laws.
  
- III. **Conclusion:** The author implored his Jewish audience to embrace persecution as a badge of honor because they chose to identify with Jesus rather than Judaism.

## **Study Questions: Closing Commands (Part 2)**

1. What did the author call his audience to do in light of Jesus' magnificence? What are you willing to endure for His name? Will you identify with Him no matter the cost?
2. Why did the author tell his listeners to remember their leaders? (**Heb 13:7-8**) Why were they to consider the result of their conduct? (**v. 7**) What does it mean to imitate another's faith? (**v. 7**)
3. Why is Jesus superior to all human leaders? (**Heb 13:7-8**) Why did the author say Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever? (**v. 7**) Will Jesus ever change His mind or character?
4. What doctrinal error was he warning about? (**Heb 13:9-10**) How had he already warned them about drifting from Jesus? (**Heb 2:1-4**) How had God declared all food clean? (**Acts 10:15**)
5. What did Paul say regarding disputes about unclean foods? (**Col 2:16-23**) What is the altar that he mentions? (**Heb 13:10**) How had Jesus offered a better sacrifice to God? (**Heb 9:11-28**)
6. Why did the writer focus on sacrificial animals? (**Heb 13:11-14**) What were God's orders regarding blood sacrifices? (**Lev 16:27**) Why were their carcasses carried outside the camp?
7. How did the author compare Jesus to Jewish sacrifices for sin? (**Heb 13:12-13**) What command did he give to believers? (**v. 13**) What does it mean to bear Jesus' reproach? (**v. 13**)
8. How are Christians supposed to identify with Jesus publicly? (**Heb 13:13-14**) What is the city that Christians will possess? (**v. 14; Heb 11:10; 14-17**) How are we to be committed to Jesus?

### **Prayer**

1. Pray that God will help you identify those you can imitate to be more Christlike.
2. Seek the Lord to know how to be committed to following Him even in the face of persecution.