

## Heb 13:1-6 Closing Commands

- I. **Introduction:** The author of Hebrews urged his audience to respond to the message he had preached about Jesus' superiority with practical steps of application.
  
- II. Closing Commands (**Heb 13:1-6**).
  - A. Let us Love Others (**vv. 1-2**).
    - 1. The author of Hebrews urged his fellow Jewish Christians to love their brothers and sisters in the faith and care for the strangers among them.
  
  - B. Let us Remember Prisoners (**v. 3**).
    - 1. The writer of Hebrews implored them to care for prisoners and the persecuted because they were a part of the body of Christ and needed help.
  
  - C. Let us Honor Marriage (**v. 4**).
    - 1. The author exhorted his readers to treat marriage with respect and be sexually pure in their marital covenant so that God would not judge them.
  
  - D. Let us Cultivate Contentment (**vv. 5-6**).
    - 1. The writer encouraged his readers to free themselves from the love of money and to develop an attitude of contentment being satisfied with what they had in the Lord.
  
- III. **Conclusion:** The author implored Jewish believers to love one another by providing for the needs of their brothers and guarding their hearts against sexual immorality and greed.

## Study Questions: Closing Commands

1. What are the last things you would tell someone? Why are the last commands the most important ones? What would be on the top of the list of instructions you would give others?
2. Why does the author start with an appeal to love one another? (**Heb 13:1-2**) What does love prove? (**John 13:35**) How does it demonstrate that we're saved? (**1 John 2:9-10**)
3. What does it mean to show hospitality? (**Heb 12:2**) Why do you think hospitality is something Paul required of elders? (**1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:8**) To whom can you show hospitality today?
4. Why were they exhorted to remember the prisoners? (**Heb 13:2; 10:32-34**) How were they to care for them? (**v. 3; Matt 7:12**) How did the Philippians care for Paul in prison? (**Phil 4:14-16**)
5. Why did the author implore them to honor marriage? (**Heb 13:4**) What are God's purposes for marriage? (**Gen 1:28; 2:18; 1 Cor 7:2**) How is marriage a picture of the church? (**Eph 5:22-33**)
6. Why does the writer mention the marriage bed? (**Heb 13:4**) What error was the author trying to correct regarding marriage? Who will God judge for sexual sins? (**v. 4**)
7. What does the author of Hebrews say about money? (**Heb 13:5-6**) How can we learn to be content with what we have? (**v. 5**) How does God's sovereignty protect us from greed? (**v. 5**)
8. What exhortation do you need to hear today? Do you love God's people? Are you concerned for the prisoner or the persecuted? Do you treat marriage with honor? Do you love money?

### Prayer

1. Pray that God would help you love His people with the kind of love He has for them.
2. Seek the Lord and ask Him to reveal what command He wants you to hear today.