

GREATER THAN

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

HEBREWS

13:1-14

AN ACCEPTABLE SERVICE TO GOD

1Let love of the brethren continue.

2Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

3Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.

4Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

5Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"

6so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID.

WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

7Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

8Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

9Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited.

10We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

11For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned outside the camp.

12Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

13So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

14For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.

DIGGING IN

Read Hebrews 13:1-14

DISCUSS

- How does this last chapter fit in with the rest of the book?
- Is there a key theme in this passage?
- Give some examples of hospitality. Do you normally show hospitality to friends or strangers? What are some ways we can show hospitality to strangers? Should we invite them to our home?
- What does verse 2b mean? What can we learn from this verse about angels? And what does this teach us about how God is working in the world?
- Should believers minister to prisoners? Why? How?
- If the world was to apply this verse, how would it change the culture around us? What does this teach us about God's design for marriage? Name some of the lies Satan is spreading to try to take away the honor of the institution of marriage. What is the result for those who don't obey God in this area?
- How can you test yourself to evaluate whether you love money or not? How can we train ourselves to NOT love money? What is the correct attitude? What reason does the author give for contentment?
- How does verse 6 relate to the last verse?
- What is the main idea of verse 7?
- Why do you think Jesus modeled the mentor relationship?
- Why is this such a powerful tool?
- What components are necessary to have a truly effective mentoring/discipling relationship with someone?
- Who should be discipling?
- What is the difference between teaching someone a Bible lesson and discipling them?
- What do we learn about Jesus in verse 8? What impact does this have on us?
- What do you need to do based on what we have learned in this passage?
- What does it mean that we are seeking a city which is to come?