The Supremacy of Christ: Exhortations Heb 13:1-25

HEBREWS: THE "BETTER" LIFE: New Life Choices Heb 13:1-8

Message so far...

- > JESUS:BETTER IN <u>REVELATION</u> [1:1-4:13]
- > JESUS: BETTER IN MEDIATION [4:14-7:28]
- > JESUS: BETTER IN MINISTRY [8:1-12:3]
- > JESUS: BETTER IN EXAMPLE [12:4-29]
- > EXHORTATIONS IN CHRIST [13:1-25]

Great Changes...

- The Unshakable things!
 - All that is shake-able is going to fall! 1Jn 2:17
- We are receiving the kingdom (pres. act. part)
 - Offering acceptable service
 - Consuming Fire God!
 - Let Him consume the 'old nature' and worldly
 - When this occurs... shaking!

2 Cor 4

16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. 17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Living Imperatives!

- Character Marks of Christian Hearts
 - Brotherly Love (philadelphia)
 - Let it continue! This has to be a 1st work!
 - All that Christ has done leads to love...
 - Hospitality (philoxenia 2x- Ro 12:13)
 - strangers? or angels?? Abram, Lot...
 - Prisoners (desmios) to be in chains...
 - love extended to those in chains...Paul

How Strong is your love?

- III-treated those suffering, tormented
 - We are ONE Body in Christ 1Cor 12
- Marriage Intimacy/Honor
 - timios- hold in esteem, precious, cherished
 - sex is to be "pure, untainted, w/o ritual"
- Note the warning:
 - pornos sexual immorality
 - moichos 1Cor 6:9-11!

Gal 5

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Focus and Trust

- Not in money-love, greed
 - never ending self focus, hoarding
 - So much emphasis on possessions...
 - Is Jesus enough for you? Mt 6:33; Lk 12:15. Ja 5:3
- Contentment because of His presence!
 - Sadly taken out of context...
 - What can man do to me...
 - Nothing to prove, no one to impress...