

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

**HEBREWS: THE “BETTER” LIFE:
God of Peace
Heb 13:18-25**

Message so far...

- JESUS: BETTER IN REVELATION [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]

Unshakeable things...

- Marks of the Faith-focused
 - Brotherly Love continues; Hospitality; Remember Prisoners; Ill treated/tormented; Marriage cherished; Sex undefiled; Not “money-love”, greed, coveting; Remember/imitate those leading; Jesus is the SAME!; No ‘drifting’ in teachings - benefit not rituals! Sacrifice of praise; obey/submit “leaders” guard your soul - give account!

Joy not grief

- Help them to do it with joy!
 - Yes, pastors can be grieved, hurt, wounded!
 - If we oppose, make their job hard, we lose!
- And, when you can - PRAY!!! 13:20;1Pt 2:25
- NOTE: writer states 2 important aspects: (18-19)
 - We have a good conscience – discern good/evil
 - To conduct our lives with honor – with excellence
 - Must be present in a servant of God's people!

Focused Prayer - “us”

- *proseuchomai* – pres. imperative
 - Ro 15:30; Ep 6:18,19; Co 4:31 Th 5:25; 2Th 3:1
 - On the basis of lifestyle, he asked for more prayer
- To be restored – put back in the former state
 - Was the writer in prison or ill?
 - Vs 23 gives an a clue; Timothy was ‘released’
 - In whatever way, do it “abundantly” ...

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 - Not just the giver, but in His nature
 - Ro 15:33; 16:20; 1Co 14:33; 2Co 13:11; Ph 4:9; 1Th 5:23; [2Th 2:16]
 - Source, Perfecter, Keeper of peace
- Work of the resurrection – price of our peace!

God's work in you

- Great Shepherd of the Sheep (Is 63:11; 40:11)
 - Made by His blood of the eternal covenant
 - Makes Him also Jesus Lord
- What will Jesus do with this authority/power?
 - Equip you! *katartizo* - to strengthen, perfect, complete, make one what he ought to be!
 - Eph 4:11-16

Good things (21)

- Grace, HS, Gifts, Fruits, faith, peace, etc...
 - That is well-pleasing to Him (Ro 12:2) *euarestos*
 - We strive so much - God equips... use it!
 - Je 31:33; 2Co 3:5; Ph 1:6; 2:13;
- He is our ONLY way to please the Father
 - Glory and praise forever!
 - All He did was to Glorify the Father! John 17

Final Call - Urge/Bear

- I urge you *parakaleo* – up close and personal
- *anechomai* - hold up, sustain, endure
- Word of exhortation - *logos ho paraklesis*
- Whole epistle, all one word to us...
- A few words, brief?
 - We just spent 42 weeks on it!
 - What is a lengthy exhortation?

Closing

- Timothy has been released...
 - Probably from prison
 - The writer would come with him... (18,19)
- Greet all the leaders (i.e. vs. 7,17)
 - To draw to one's self, embrace...
 - And all the saints – each of them...
- Those of Italy - Gentiles to Jews...
- Grace be with you all...Amen!!!