

## Lesson 15 - Hebrews 13 / Wrap-up

As we bring our study of Hebrews to a close, we should remember that even though the original audience was Jewish, the truths of this book apply to a larger audience.

As you read this last chapter in Hebrews, you get the impression that the writer had a great deal of miscellaneous matter to discuss and saved it till the end. In **Hebrews 12**, we were rejoicing on Mt. Zion; and now we are discussing such everyday topics as hospitality, marriage, church leadership, and who was the last one to be released from jail.

But in the Bible, there is no division between doctrine and duty, revelation and responsibility. The two always go together. The emphasis in this last section of the book is “living by faith”. The writer shared with us great examples of faith in Hebrews 11, and the encouragements to faith in Hebrews 12. In Hebrews 13, he presents the evidences of faith that should appear in our lives if we are really walking by faith and not by sight.

- 1 Pray each time you sit down to study. This lesson will not be broken up into days.
2. Read all of **Hebrews 13**, marking key words for the book that you find.
3. In this letter, the writer shows those to whom he is writing, how Jesus and the salvation He brought, is superior... better than the Hebrew system of religion. The essence of Hebrews is wrapped up in chapter 13. What verse? Write it out!

How does this verse apply to us? The truths of Hebrews have sustained Christians for 2000 years. How can this be?

4. The first evidence is “enjoying spiritual fellowship”. (**Verses 1-4**). Read these verses.
  - a. The basis for this fellowship is what? (V1)
  - b. Where there is Christian love, there will also be what? (V2)

See **Romans 12: 13**. Write it out!

- c. Love expresses itself in concern. How so, according to **verse 3**?

What do you learn from **Matt. 25: 36 & 40**?

d. The home is the first place where Christian love should be practiced. How so, according to **verse 4**. Write in your own words the truth of this verse.

5. Read **verses 5-6**. If we love God and others as we should, what will result?

Learn **contentment** over covetousness. **Covetousness** is the opposite of *contentment*. Contentment cannot come from material things, for they can never satisfy the heart. Only God can do that. What did Jesus say in **Luke 12:15**?

a. Contentment has much more to do with what you are on the inside rather than what you have. The Apostle Paul had the right idea in **Philippians 4:11-13**. What does he say?

b. Throughout this letter we have seen all we have in Jesus. So, be content, because what does Jesus promise in **verse 5**.

This promise was made to Joshua; and it is fulfilled to us in Jesus Christ. Look up the following scriptures. Note the context of each.

Deut. 31: 7-8

Josh. 1:5, 9

Matt. 28:20

Acts 18: 9-10

c. Has the promise found in **Hebrews 13:5** ministered to you in your walk of faith? Often? How so?

6. Have you ever boldly made the affirmation of faith found in **verse 6**?
- The affirmation of faith in **Heb 13:6** comes from **Psalm 118:6**. Go there and read it in context.

This is a messianic psalm and is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, so we may claim this promise for ourselves. How has this promise helped you run your race by faith?

5. Read **Hebrews 13: 7-25**. The last three evidences of faith are the following:

submitting to spiritual leadership (Heb. 13: 7-9, 17, 24)  
sharing spiritual worship. (Heb. 13: 10-16, 18-19)  
experiencing spiritual lordship. (13: 20-21)

Does your life give evidence of these 3 things? How is the Holy Spirit speaking to your heart, as you consider these evidences of a life of biblical faith?

6. As you consider all you've learned about the following:

your love for the brethren  
your hospitality toward strangers  
your care for prisoners and those who are ill-treated  
your relationship toward money  
your response to varied and strange teachings

Which one of these things might have changed considerably since this letter was written... so that the application to us may be very different?

7. What could be the varied and strange teachings that are mentioned in **Hebrews 13: 9**? Remember the context and read the following passages:

Romans 14: 1-4,6,14-23

Col. 2: 16-23

1 Tim. 4: 1-6

Do you ever hear of any varied or strange teachings today? The context contrasts them with grace. How important is grace if you want to obey God's commandments?

8. In **verses 20-21**, the writer pronounces a wonderful blessing on those he is writing to. In this blessing God is first recognized in His attributes. What do you see in attributes? I'll give you the first one!

**peace**

**brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead** What attribute does this reveal?

**that great Shepherd** Attribute?

9. What is the everlasting covenant that is referred to in **verse 20**? Notice "everlasting" (eternal) a key word in this letter.

10. How does **verse 21** relate to the theme (Jesus is better) and the purpose for writing (**See Hebrews 6: 1b**)?

The writer wants God to make them complete in every good work, for what purpose?

How does He do it?

A believer will only do God's will if he/she walks by \_\_\_\_\_! Obedience is the result of faith in God... who He is and what He says! Faith is choosing to take Him at His Word.

11. Read **Hebrews 13: 22-25**. Here in the conclusion to the letter, the writer to the Hebrews reminds us of his purpose. This has been a letter of what?

He appeals to them (and to us) to do what?

12. Now, as a student of the book of Hebrews, how have you been exhorted?

Dear sisters in Christ, after this study of Hebrews, it is my hope that we all know Jesus and know our destination because of who God is, who Jesus is and what He has done for us. We live by faith. May we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of faith. Remember, we have a cloud of witnesses from yesterday cheering us on. Be exhorted! Let us run with endurance. His grace will be with us all (13:25)! And it is sufficient!! Amen!

