

STUDYING THE BOOK OF HEBREWS IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 22 - Concluding Exhortations - Hebrews 13:1-25

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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HEB 13:1 Keep on loving each other as brothers. [2] Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. [3] Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

HEB 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. [5] Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you."

HEB 13:6 So we say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?"

HEB 13:7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. [8] Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

HEB 13:9 Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by ceremonial foods, which are of no value to those who eat them. [10] We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.

HEB 13:11 The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. [12] And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. [13] Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. [14] For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

HEB 13:15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess his name. [16] And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

HEB 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

HEB 13:18 Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. [19] I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

HEB 13:20 May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, [21] equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

HEB 13:22 Brothers, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written you only a short letter.

HEB 13:23 I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you.

HEB 13:24 Greet all your leaders and all God's people. Those from Italy send you their greetings.

HEB 13:25 Grace be with you all.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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255. What kind of love are Christians to demonstrate? (13:1)
256. Why did the author encourage his readers to entertain strangers? (13:2)
257. What kinds of people does God want Christians to try to help? (13:3)
258. Why is sexual purity important? (13:4)
259. What attitude toward money ought Christians to have? Why? (13:5)
260. What fact about God can foster a contented spirit? (13:5)
261. How can we learn to be content? (13:5)
262. How should Christians view their spiritual leaders? (13:7, 17)
263. What attribute or characteristic of Christ is highlighted here? (13:8)

264. What illustrations did the author use to challenge his readers to resist the temptation to go back to Judaism? (13:9-14)

265. What kind of sacrifices should we offer to God? (13:15-16)

266. What are the benefits of obeying one's spiritual leaders? (13:17)

267. What did the writer pray would happen to his readers? (13:20-21)

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