

The Epistle to the Hebrews

Hebrews 13:1-25

- Questions

1. What are the readers encouraged to do with the following?

Brethren and strangers (13:1-2) –

Those who are persecuted (13:3) –

Marriage (13:4) –

Love of money, covetousness (13:5-6) –

Those who rule over them (13:7, 17) –

Strange teachings (13:9) –

Reproach (13:11-13) –

Sacrifices made to God (13:15-16) –

2. How does the author describe Jesus (13:8)?

3. What do Christians have that others do not have (13:10)?

4. What do Christians seek (13:14)?

5. What special request does the author make (13:18-19)?

6. How does the author describe God and Jesus and what prayer does he make on behalf of his readers (13:20-21)?

7. What final appeal does the author make (13:22)?

8. What does the author say about Timothy (13:23)?

9. Who are to be greeted and from whom are greetings sent (13:24-25)?

- Digging Deeper

1. Who in the OT entertained angels (13:2)?

2. What OT scriptures are quoted in 13:5-6?

3. Where in the OT is there reference made to animal bodies burned without the camp (13:11)?

- Applications for Today

1. Love toward our brethren and strangers is to be shown, not just thought about or talked about (13:1-2; Mt. 25:35-36; Rom. 12:10-13; 1 Pet. 1:22; 4:9).

2. Do what you can to help those Christians who are persecuted (13:3; Col. 4:18).

3. Keep your marriage pure from sexual immorality (13:4; Mt. 5:31-32; 19:3-9; Mk. 10:1-12; Lk. 16:18; Rom. 7:2-3; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 7:1ff; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Thess. 4:3-6).

4. Contentment is the answer to the love of money – a root of all kinds of evil (13:5; 1 Tim. 6:6-10).

5. We are promised by God that he will never leave us or forsake us (13:5-6; Deut. 31:6; Joshua 1:5; Psa. 118:6).

6. In a changing world, Jesus stays the same (13:8; Mt. 28:20; Heb. 1:11-12; Rev. 1:17-18).

7. Stay away from false doctrines; don't be fooled by them (13:9; Eph. 4:14; 2 Jn. 9-11; Jude 12).

8. Christians are spiritual priests offering up spiritual sacrifices (13:15-16; 1 Pet. 2:5-10).

9. Singing praise to God in the worship assembly is commanded throughout the NT, never instrumental music (13:15; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).

10. Elders in a local church watch out for souls of the members; imitate them and obey them (13:7,17; Acts 20:28; 1 Thess. 5:12-13).

11. It is always good to pray for others and be prayed for (13:18-19; 1 Thess. 1:2; 5:17, 25; 1 Tim. 2:1-2).

12. Stay busy doing God's will and work (13:20-21; 1 Cor. 15:58; Phil. 2:12-13).

13. God's word is revealed to us to exhort us, but we must be willing to receive and accept this exhortation (13:22; 2 Cor. 5:20 - 6:1; 10:1).