

SERMON OUTLINE

In Hebrews 13:1-6 we are commanded to offer acceptable worship in 5 areas with 1 result.

- I. Love others.
 - A. Continue brotherly love (v. 1).
 - B. Do not neglect hospitality to strangers (v. 2a).
 1. Why?
 2. For you may unknowingly entertain angels (v. 2b).
- II. Remember the oppressed.
 - A. Those in prison, as if you were there too (v. 3a).
 - B. Those mistreated, since you are human too (v. 3b).
- III. Pursue a godly marriage.
 - A. Hold marriage in honor (v. 4a).
 - B. Keep marriage bed undefiled (v. 4b).
 1. Why?
 2. For God will judge the sexually immoral & adulterous (v. 4c).
- IV. Be satisfied.
 - A. Keep free of the love of money (v. 5a).
 - B. Be content with what you have (v. 5b).
 1. Why?
 2. Because God will never leave you or forsake you (v. 5c).
- V. The Result? We can confidently say:
 - A. The Lord is my helper (v. 6a).
 - B. I will not fear man (v. 6b).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 20, 2021

Passage: Hebrews 13:1-6

Memory Passage: Hebrews 13:4-6

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 13:1-6.** What changes do you notice in the grammar, structure, and emotion of 13:1-6 compared to 12:18-29?

(b) How many commands do you find in 13:1-6? Upon what indicative(s) are these commands based? In other words, what statements of being or reality does our author suppose will fuel our obedience to these commands?

(c) What, exactly, is “brotherly love” (cf. Rom. 12:10; 1 Thess. 4:9; 1 Pet. 1:22; 2 Pet. 1:7)?

(d) Why does our author tell his original audience to let brotherly love “continue?”

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 13:1-6.** What did it look like for our author’s 1st-century hearers to “show hospitality to strangers?”

(b) What does it look like for you to “show hospitality to strangers?” When was the last time you did so?

(c) What event is referred to by “some have entertained angels unawares (for help see Gen. 18:1-19:29)?

(d) Is there a possibility that you might “entertain angels unawares?” Explain your answer.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 13:1-6.** We learned in 10:32-35 that our audience participated in the activities commanded in 13:3. Does the phrase “since you are also in the body” refer to the body of believers or the physical body? Explain your answer.

(b) In what ways are you involved in “remembering” those in prison and mistreated? How might you increase your faithfulness in this area (cf. Matt. 25:36-40; Col. 4:18)?

(c) Explain what is meant by “let marriage be held in honor” and “let the marriage bed be undefiled” (v. 4).

(d) Explain the difference between the activity of the “sexually immoral” and the “adulterous,” and why will God judge both groups of people (cf. 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 5:5-6; 1 Thess. 4:4-7)?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 13:1-6.** Why should you “keep your life free from love of money” (cf. 1 Tim. 6:10)?

(b) Define what it means to “be content with what you have.” What does the reminder that God has said “I will never leave you nor forsake you” have to do with being content (notice the “for” that connects the two statements)?

(c) What three things will you have confidence to say when you are obedient to the commands given in 13:1-5?

(d) Explain each of these three confidences, and in what ways each is a product of each command given in 13:1-5.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 13:1-6.** Spend time in prayer concerning your life and your obedience to the commands concerning brotherly love, hospitality, marriage & sexuality, love of money, and contentment. Ask God to (1) reveal to you ways you are disobedient in each of these areas, (2) grant you repentance over these areas according to Jesus’ work on your behalf, and (3) reveal how He desires you to change your thoughts or actions. Do not ignore the promptings of the Holy Spirit! You know that sexually immoral thoughts, watching pornography, lusting after people not your spouse, coveting other people’s possessions and status, grumbling against the provisions God has graced you with, hating your brothers & sisters, and ignoring those who are in prison or otherwise suffering are not pleasing to God.

(b) Now spend time in thanksgiving, praising God for his discipline toward you in which you are affirmed in your status as a legitimate child (12:8) and you share in His holiness (12:10) so you can better strive for peace and holiness (12:14)! You should also rejoice that you are now able to confidently say “the Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?!”

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Obedience Results in Confidence