

A Study of the General Epistles

NT Survey Lesson 155—Hebrews 13

Introduction: Upon the basis of the fact that the God who is a consuming fire has spoken to us, the Hebrew writer urges his readers to a faithful life. This chapter is filled with numerous exhortations that show how to manifest faith in relation to God and others.

Lesson aim: To show how faithfulness is manifest in day to day living.

Final exhortations to a faithful life—Heb. 13:1-19

1. What did the writer urge to continue among the Hebrew? (v. 1) For what groups of people in particular were they to show love? (v. 2-3) Why?
2. What attitude should the Christian have toward marriage? (v. 4) Why?
3. Of what character-trait should the Christian be free? (v. 5) What promises of God will enable us to do this?
4. What response were the Hebrews to have toward their leaders (teachers)? (v. 7)
5. Is Jesus changing or unchanging? (v. 8) Therefore, the Christian is to not be carried away with what? (v. 9)
6. The ideas of v. 10-16 use the figures of the OT sacrificial service. Do Christians have an altar? (v. 10) What does the writer say about it?
7. How was Jesus like the sacrifices of the OT? (v. 11-12) What did the Hebrew writer urge his readers to do in view of this? (v. 13) They were to seek what city? (v. 14)
8. Through Christ, what sacrifices is the Christian to offer? (v. 15-16)
9. What does the writer say about those who lead God's people? (v. 17) What is the proper response to them?

10. For what does the writer urge his readers to pray? (v. 18-19)

Concluding remarks—Heb. 13:20-25

1. For what did the writer pray in behalf of his readers? (v. 20-21)
2. The writer calls his letter a word of what? (v. 22)
3. What was Timothy's circumstances? (v. 23)
4. From what group does the writer send greetings? (v. 24) Would this suggest that the writer was in Italy or in another location?