



The Upside-Down Kingdom

Hebrews 13

Meadowbrooke Church

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A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master.

(Mt 10:24-25)

*37 “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is
the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like
it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these
two commandments depend all the Law and the
Prophets.”*

(Mt 22:37-40)

19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

(1 Jn 4:19-20)

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thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*

(Heb 13:2)

14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

(Heb 12:14)



⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

(Eph 3:4-6)



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(Heb 13:1-4)

31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

(Eph 5:31-33)

⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶ So we can confidently say,

*“The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?”*

(Heb 13:5-6)

³² But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³ sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. ³⁴ For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.

(Heb 10:32-34)

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

(Heb 13:7)

Hebrews Key Arguments

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- ◆ Therefore, Jesus could fulfill all of God's promises
- ◆ Therefore, Jesus satisfied the old covenant and made a better covenant
- ◆ Therefore, we should cling to Jesus because He is our only hope

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat.

(Heb 13:8-10)

*25 See that you do not refuse him who is speaking.
For if they did not escape when they refused him
who warned them on earth, much less will we
escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.*

(Heb 12:25)

10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. 12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. 13 Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

(Heb 13:10-12)

27 The bull and the goat for the sin offerings, whose blood was brought into the Most Holy Place to make atonement, must be taken outside the camp; their hides, flesh and intestines are to be burned up.

(Lev 16:27)

◆ Christ made a better city

14 For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

(Heb 13:14)

◆ Confess Jesus and conform to His image

¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

(Heb 13:15-16)

◆ Role of Christian leaders

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. ¹⁸ Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. ¹⁹ I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. (Heb 13:17-19)

◆ It is all from, because of, and for Jesus

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Heb 13:20-21)

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JESUS CHRIST
is Lord.

— ROMANS 10:9 —

Homework for the Week

- ◆ Talk with somebody about Hebrews 13 and what God said to you in His Word.
- ◆ Read Hebrews and let your heart soar.