

Hebrews Part Two

Lesson #27, Chapter 13:7-16

Keep seeking the Lord for His help as you study His Word. You'll be so glad you did!

1. What are we to do according to verse 7?
2. List everything you learn about "those" you are to remember from verse 7.
3. Who is like that in your own life? What results of their conduct have borne fruit in you? How do you imitate their faith? Consider taking some time right now to call or write that person to encourage them in the way God has used them in your life.
4. What was the foundation of those godly leader's faith? See 2 Tim. 1:13; 3:15; Rev. 14:12.
5. What do you learn about Jesus Christ in verse 8?
6. What are the Hebrew believers cautioned against (verse 9)? What reason is given?
7. What dangers come from paying attention to such teaching? See Acts 20:28-30; Rom. 16:17-19; Col. 2:8, 16-23; 1 Tim. 4:1-5; Heb. 9:9-10.

8. What is the danger of trying to strengthen your Christian walk with food or anything else other than grace according to Hebrews 13:8 and the other verses we just examined?

9. Now let's look at verse 8 again. What is the significance of that information about Jesus Christ stuck in between the commands of verses 7 and 9? *Context, context, context.*

10. While continuing in the same vein of thought from verse 9, the author now introduces some new concepts in verse 10. First, identify what kind of people fit into the "we" category. Next, identify what people fit into the "serve the tabernacle" category.
 - a. Now, consider what kind of altar "we" have. See 9:11-14; 10:4, 14; 12:28; and 13:9.

 - b. Those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat from our altar. Why is that? (1 Cor. 9:13; 10:18 will help provide insight.)

11. What choice and warning were being presented in verse 10 to those who still wanted to cling to Judaism? What encouragement was given to those who were clinging to Jesus?

12. What phrase is repeated in verses 11-13? How does that repetition provide a clue about the point the author is making?

13. Where does our “altar” reside according to verses 10-13? Where does the altar of those who serve the tabernacle reside, according to verses 10-13?

14. How do verses 10-13 illustrate the cost that every person must count if they are going to be followers of Christ? See also Matt. 10:24-25; 16:24-26; 2 Cor. 5:15; 2 Tim. 2:3-4.

15. Each day brings with it a call to “go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.” Are you prepared to go out to Him today? What are some ways you prepare your heart to go out to Him?

16. Explain the connection between verses 13 and 14.

17. As we identify ourselves with Christ and seek that city which is to come, how do we follow in the footsteps of the “by faith” people we studied in Chapter 11? See 11:13-16, 26, 39-40.

18. How would a daily reminder of “what is to come” versus “here” transform your life? How can you remind yourself of this fact *daily*?

19. What are we to do according to verse 15? How is this possible according to verse 15?
 - a. Why would we do this (verses 10-14)?

20. What fruit is produced in a believer (verse 15)? How often is this to be given to the Lord according to verse 15?
- a. How are you doing in that area? See also Ps. 145:10; Eph. 5:4, 20; Col. 3:15-17; 1 Thess. 5:18.
 - b. Can you think of some specific ways you could implement this command more faithfully?
21. We are told in verse 16 not to neglect or forget doing good or sharing, which means we need to make this area of our life a priority. What do you learn about doing good and sharing from the following Scriptures: Ps. 37:3; Acts 20:35; Gal. 6:10; Eph. 4:28; 1 Thess. 5:15; 1 Tim. 6:17-19; Heb. 13:1-2; James 1:27; 1 Jn. 3:17-18?
- a. Can you think of some specific ways you could implement this command more faithfully?
22. Out of everything we have studied in this lesson, what excites you the most to think about or put into practice in your life? Why?

The Christian's reason for leaving the camp of the world's sin and religion is not because he loves to be singular, but because Jesus did so; and the disciple must follow his Master. ~Charles Spurgeon¹

¹Charles H. Spurgeon, *Morning and Evening: Daily Readings*, Complete and unabridged; New modern edition. (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2006), April 6 AM.