

## Hebrews 13:1-25 **Closing Exhortations**

### Series of Short Commandments in Closing

1 Let brotherly love continue.

2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

3 Remember the prisoners as if chained with them--those who are mistreated--since you yourselves are in the body also.

4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have.

For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we may boldly say:

"The LORD is my helper;

I will not fear.

What can man do to me?"

7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

18 Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. 19 But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

22 And I appeal to you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation, for I have written to you in few words.

23 Know that our brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly.

24 Greet all those who rule over you, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.

25 Grace be with you all. Amen.  
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#### Facts Revealed:

- ✠ Brotherly love is the most important of the commandments for our behavior among fellow believers. Emphasized by Jesus and repeated by the Apostles. [Hebrews 13:1, Matthew 5:43-48, 22:37-40, Mark 12:29-33, Luke 10:25-28, John 13:34-35, 15:12-17, Romans 12:10-11, 13:8-10, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Galatians 5:13-15, Ephesians 5:1-2, Philippians 2:1-4, Colossians 3:14, 1 Thessalonians 4:9, 1 Timothy 1:5, 6:11, James 2:8, 1 Peter 1:22, 2:17, 3:8, 4:8, 1 John 3:11, 14-24, 4:7-21, 5:1-2, 2 John 1:5]
- ✠ Hospitality toward strangers may actually be hospitality toward angels. [Hebrews 13:2]
- ✠ Remember those who are in prison and mistreated for the sake of the Gospel, because they are all equal members in the Body of Christ with us. [Hebrews 13:3]
- ✠ Marriage is honorable among all, and the marriage bed is undefiled. [Hebrews 13:4]
- ✠ God will judge the sexually immoral, fornicators and adulterers. [Hebrews 13:4, Revelation 21:8]
- ✠ Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For Christ Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say:  
    "The LORD is my helper;  
    I will not fear.  
    What can man do to me?" [Hebrews 13:5-6]
- ✠ Be mindful of those who rule over you in the Church, who have spoken the Word of God to you, follow their example of Faith, taking into consideration the outcome of their conduct. [Hebrews 13:7]
- ✠ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, God does not change. [Hebrews 13:8, Psalm 110:4, Malachi 3:6]
- ✠ We are warned against being carried about with various strange doctrines. [Hebrews 13:9, 2 Timothy 4:3-4, Ephesians 4:11-14]
- ✠ The heart is established by grace, not by foods of the sacrifices under the Old Covenant. [Hebrews 13:9]
  - ✧ We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. [Hebrews 13:10-11]
- ✠ Jesus also suffered outside the gate, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood. [Hebrews 13:12]
  - ✧ Golgotha, the cross, and the tomb were on a hill outside the walls of the city of Jerusalem.
- ✠ Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. [Hebrews 13:13]
  - ✧ We go to Jesus outside the camp, bearing His reproach, by patiently enduring the ridicule from the unsaved because of our faith in the Master, while in love we endeavor to call them to Him for salvation.
- ✠ Our motivation is the fact that we realize that here we do not have the eternal city of God, but we seek the one to come, namely New Jerusalem. [Hebrews 13:14, 11:10, Revelation 21:1-27]
- ✠ The way to that Holy City New Jerusalem, is provided through Christ Jesus, therefore, we are called to continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God. The Sacrifice of Praise to God is identified as the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. [Hebrews 13:15]
  - ✧ We are ever grateful for the great price Jesus paid to redeem our souls from hell and provide the way into the presence of God by His blood. This fact is truly praiseworthy.
- ✠ Paul enjoins us to be careful not to forget to do good and to share with one another. [Hebrews 13:16]
- ✠ God is well pleased with our sacrifices that are given to help others. [Hebrews 13:16]
- ✠ Leaders in the Church watch out for the souls of the believers, and are required to give account to God for their leadership. Therefore it is right that those who are taught should be

- submissive and obedient to the teaching, so the teachers may find joy in their calling, and not grief which would not benefit the ones causing anguish. [\[Hebrews 13:17\]](#)
- ✚ Paul is confident that he and his company are living honorably with a good conscience, so he asks for the Hebrews to pray for them. His special personal prayer request is that he may be set free and be able to come to the Hebrews soon. [\[Hebrews 13:18-19\]](#)
  - ✚ Paul closes with his typical form of blessing prayer:
    - ✧ Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. [\[Hebrews 13:20-21\]](#)
    - ✧ God is the One Who brought up Jesus from the dead.
    - ✧ Jesus is the great shepherd of the sheep.
    - ✧ The blood of Jesus is the blood of the everlasting covenant.
    - ✧ God works through Christ Jesus to make us complete and willing in every good work to do His will and what is well pleasing in His sight.
    - ✧ To Him be the glory forever and ever, Amen. [\[Hebrews 13:20-21, Philippians 2:13\]](#)
  - ✚ Paul asked the Hebrews to accept the exhortation he sent in this letter. [\[Hebrews 13:22\]](#)
  - ✚ Timothy has been set free, and Paul desires to be released and to accompany him coming to the Hebrews. [\[Hebrews 13:23\]](#) (Paul is a prisoner in chains in Rome at this writing). [\[Hebrews 10:34\]](#)
  - ✚ Paul sends his greeting from Rome to all the Saints and rulers of the Hebrews. Those believers in Italy send their greetings also. [\[Hebrews 13:24\]](#)
  - ✚ Grace be with you all. Amen. [\[Hebrews 13:25\]](#)