

HEBREWS

JESUS IS BETTER

Don't settle for less

WEEK 27

READ

- Read Hebrews 13 through a few times this week.
- Write here what you think is the main idea the author wishes to communicate in 13:1-6:

EXAMINE

- Begin by reading again Hebrews 12:28-29. Consider: how does the vertical worship in those verses relate to the horizontal focus of Hebrews 13:1-6?
- The commands in this passage can be considered as “church relationship responsibilities” (1-3) and “personal responsibilities” (4-6). Restate these commands here in your own words:

- Consider the context of intense persecution the believers in this time faced. What would be the effects of persecution on the Christian virtues of brotherly love, hospitality to strangers and care for those in prison?
- With the worldly values of “recreational sex” and get-rich-quick schemes, how do the godly values of pure sex within marriage only and contentment stand out as a witness to the world? How does the warning (end of v.4) and the promise (5b-6) help keep Christians to maintain a godly testimony in the world?

APPLY

- Are there areas of tension or disagreement that have kept you away from a fellow believer? Despite your disagreements, what do you have in common in Christ? What should be your first step in showing brotherly love?
- In what ways in your thoughts, attitudes or conversations do you notice a “defiling” or degrading of marriage? How does verse 4 correct any wrong thoughts you may have?
- What evidence may show someone to be captive to the love of money? How can each of us practice contentment when we have a surplus of stuff? And when we have times of financial difficulty?

PRAY

- Give praise and blessing to our Holy God, the Consuming Fire, who has the right to command us and order our lives.
- Confess any known sins that this time in God’s Word has brought to light. Ask the Spirit of God to reveal those sins so you may repent by His power.
- Speak the truth of verse 6 to yourself before the Lord and trust Him, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”