

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

THEME - JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.

A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 13:1-6

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Is Your Faith Showing ?

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest.
In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the Law, being the centrality of those ministries.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

rest, hope, promises, oaths, immutability, blessings, Gods' faithfulness

Here We Are at The Beginning of the End
of the Book of Hebrews.

Dr. Warren Wiersbe
Opens his writings on Hebrews Chapter 13 by Saying;
“Pardon Me, But Your Faith Is Showing.”

...and I like that, because the book of Hebrews ends
with the exhortation to all of us to - practice, act of, do acts of love
as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Hebrews 13:1
Let brotherly love continue.

Let's All Stand Together for The Reading of His Word to Us.

Hebrews 13:1-6

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?”

There are 5 exhortations that in someways, become instructions for us.

(1) Let. (2) Do Not. (3) Remember. (4) Marriage. (5) Let.

Let brotherly love continue // **2** Do not forget to entertain strangers
Remember the prisoners // Marriage is honorable // Let your conduct

The Authority of God's Word to Us

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Authority of God's Word to The Jew

Deuteronomy 11:18-20

“Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **19** You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. **20** And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Proverbs 3:3-4

Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, **4** And so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man.

IS YOUR FAITH SHOWING?

1.) Love is the greatest proof (period)

vs. 1-3

IS YOUR FAITH SHOWING ?
LOVE IS THE GREATEST PROOF !

1a.) Because We Need It To Be

vs. 1

Philadelphia

grk: philadelphia

the love of brothers or love of the brethren. It is the love of and for the truth that results in unity of the spirit. to be bonded in spirit.

**In-fact, Verse 1 in the original language of the New Testament
has only one word – It's the word { Philadelphia }**

It takes Three (3) English words to answer to the One (1) Greek word
philadelphia

The verse here has a profound implication in it's meaning.

{We who are of Christ are all of the same Father which makes us
All brothers & sisters of the same Father.}

It is literally the meaning to us being Born Again.

John 4:23-24

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. **24** God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

It is literally the meaning to us being Born Again.

1 Thessalonians 4:9

But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.

Psalms 133:1-3

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! **2** It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. **3** It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing – (It is like) Life (Live) forevermore.

Where There is a Lack of Christian Love – There is Division.

Proverbs 10:12

Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins.

1 Corinthians 10:24

Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

(what if there was a city or a town with that at it's gates?)

- What Do You Think Their Property Values Would Be?
- What Do You Think It Would Be Like To Live There?

1 John 3:14

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.

**IS YOUR FAITH SHOWING ?
LOVE IS THE GREATEST PROOF !**

1b.) Because You Need It To Be

vs. 2

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

There was/is a two-fold reality being taught here.

“The first century Roman Empire new little of a middle-class style of living.

The economic system produced either the very wealthy or the very poor.

In that difficult environment, there was only one thing that made living worse in the Roman Empire at that time, and that was becoming a follower of Jesus Christ.

As Christianity exploded upon the Roman occupied world, the vast majority of the followers of Christ were either Messianic Jews or Gentile converts and most of them were slaves. It was the rule, not the exception for them to suffer persecution, isolation and expulsion from their familial ties. Once severed from their pre-Christian life, they needed to make a living by any means possible, often requiring them to travel from village to village and from town to town seeking employment. Hospitality would have been their only source of aid, comfort and assistance. But due to the fact that they had become Christians who no longer worshiped the pagan gods of the Empire, which were boldly proclaimed, the Christian would find himself very much alone.”

Strangers grk: phil'ox'en'ia, (fil-ox-en-ee'-ah)
to be hospitable, to host a traveler, hospitality.

Angels grk: aggelos
a messenger, angelic in origin, to interact with an angelic or spiritual messenger.

Genesis 18:1-2,22,19:1a

Then the LORD appeared to Abraham by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. **2** So Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground... **22** Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD...

19:1a Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening.

Unwittingly

grk: *lan'tha'no*

to escape the notice of, to not be aware of, to fail to recognize.
to not know of.

The Inadvertent Hosting of an Angel

Joshua 5:13-15

And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, “Are You for us or for our adversaries?” **14** So He said, “No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, “What does my Lord say to His servant?” **15** Then the Commander of the LORD’S army said to Joshua, “Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand *is* holy.” And Joshua did so.

The Desire of Angels – The Watchers

1 Peter 1:10-12

Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, **11** searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. **12** To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven - *things which angels desire to look into.*

Acts 12:5-10

Now Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. **6** And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. **7** Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, “Arise quickly!” And his chains fell off his hands. **8** Then the angel said to him, “Gird yourself and tie on your sandals”; and so he did.

And he said to him, “Put on your garment and follow me.” **9** So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. **10** When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

Regarding The Jewish People & The Nations

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. **32** All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. **33** And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. **34** Then the King will say to those on His right hand, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: **35** for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; **36** I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ **37** “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? **38** When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? **39** Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ **40** And the King will answer and say to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’ **41** “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: **42** for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; **43** I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ **44** “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ **45** Then He will answer them, saying, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ **46** And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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1c.) Because They Need It To Be

vs. 3

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

Read from Barkley and the Record of Harnack's
"Expansion of Christianity"

Open Doors Ministry

The top 10 most dangerous locations in the world to be a Christian.
<https://www.opendoorsus.org/en-US/getinvolved/resources/wwl-guidebook/>

- 1.) North Korea: (atheism / communism)
Owning a Bible is an automatic death sentence.
- 2.) Somalia: (Islam)
Conversion to Christianity carries a minimum of 25 years to death.
- 3.) Libya: (Islam)
Evangelism punishable by stoning or beheading
- 4.) Eritrea: (Islam)
Evangelism, conversion is a death sentence
- 5.) Yemen: (Islam)
All Christians are deemed enemies of the state and monitored.
- 6.) Nigeria: (Islam)
A Christian is martyred every two hours.
- 7.) Pakistan: (Islam)
All Christians are to maintain a second-class status.
- 8.) Sudan: (Islam)
Christians have no legal or religious protections from the ruling class.
- 9.) Iran: (Islam)
Christianity is considered a threat to national security.
- 10.) Afghanistan: (Islam)
Where there is a 100% - Zero tolerance of Christianity.

When do you think this will happen in the United States ?

<https://rairfoundation.com/new-jerseys-first-islamic-city-muslim-politicians-seize/>

IS YOUR FAITH SHOWING?

2.) Love is the greatest example (period) vs. 4

Hebrews 13:4

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

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