

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 ? – PART 2

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.

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

Hebrews 13:1-6

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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?"

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

...And if this chapter could be summed up – it would be that faith
is an active verb and cannot be refuted, only ignored.

Hebrews 13:1

Let brotherly love continue.

Romans 12:9a

Let love be without hypocrisy.

1 John 5:2-4

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. **4** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

1 John 4:16-17

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. **17** Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

Remember Church - There are 5 / 9 exhortations given here that – in very direct ways, become instructions for us to live by...

(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 be without covetousness

Then There are 4 more exhortations – making it 9 in total given in this concluding chapter of the book of Hebrews.

(6) Hebrews 13:22

And I appeal to you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation,

(7) Hebrews 13:7a

Remember those who rule over you,

(8) Hebrews 13:17a

Obey those who rule over you,

(9) Hebrews 13:24a

Greet all those who rule over you,

IS YOUR FAITH SHOWING?

1.) Love is the greatest proof (period) vs. 1-3

LOVE IS THE GREATEST PROOF !

IS YOUR FAITH SHOWING ?

1a.) Because We Need It To Be

vs. 1

Verse 1

Let brotherly love continue

Philadelphia

grk: philadelphia

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

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.

LOVE IS THE GREATEST PROOF !

IS YOUR FAITH SHOWING ?

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.

“The greatest witness or exhibit - that we can make known as believers
- is that of displaying the love of God in a faithful way.”

Practical Christianity is what the world must see
if people are going to make a decision to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

The power of the Gospel is not just the fact that Jesus Christ was crucified & was resurrected from the dead – but when that Good News is proclaimed in an audible way, it must also be linked to a visible display of love for the soul of the man or woman who is hearing it. I believe it is the combination of the gospel being preached audibly - from a heart and mind to another heart and mind - that makes the message winsome, convincing, and relevant.

Take Notice. Take Warning Here.

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

“The first century Roman Empire knew 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, 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 whatever legitimate ways 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 as the public inns were places of vile and illicit practices.”

Verse 2

2b for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

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

The Inadvertent Hosting of an Angel

Abraham & The 2 Visitors + 1

Genesis 18 & 19

Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. **2** So he 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, **3** and said, “My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant... **16** Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. **17** And the LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing...

33 So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place. **19:1** Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. **2** And he said, “Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant’s house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way.” And they said, “No, but we will spend the night in the open

square.” **3** But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. **4** Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. **5** And they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally.” **6** So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, **7** and said, “Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! **8** See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof.” **9** And they said, “Stand back!” Then they said, “This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them.” So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. **10** But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. **11** And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door. **12** Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take them out of this place! **13** For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.”

Unwittingly grk: lan'tha'no
to escape the notice of, to not be aware of, to fail to recognize.
to not know of.

Entertained grk: xenizo
gave lodging to, to comfort. the aiding and comforting a stranger of an
unusual nature, a surprise or surprising guest, an unusual guest

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.

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.

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.*

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

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 Wm. Barkley and the Record of
"The Expansion of Christianity" by Prof. Harnack's

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?

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Hebrews 13:4

4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled;
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The Sacred Institution of Marriage as Designed by God

Body by Yahweh

Honorable grk: timios
infinite in value, precious, respected, sacred,
of great cost and expense.

Priority One

“Let All People Give Honor and Reverence to Marriage”

Genesis 2:18

And the LORD God said, “*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*”

Genesis 2:23-24

And Adam said: *"This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."* **24** Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined (union or united to) to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Matthew 19:6

So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Bed koite;
as in sexual intimacy, the union of a man and a woman, the bed, the place of sanctity, joy and blessing.

Undeiled amiantos:
undeiled, clean, untainted, clear, free as in free and clear, protected from all injury (illness) and free from anything that seeks to harm, degrade.

1 Corinthians 7:1-5c NLT

Now regarding the questions you asked in your letter. Yes, it is good to abstain from sexual relations. 2 But because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband. 3 The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs. 4 The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife. 5 Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt you

End of Study

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