



Preface

In the previous weeks...

- Week 1-8 (a): Jesus Christ is God's ultimate revelation to the world, the promised Son of God and great High Priest, who is superior over all things. He offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice once and for all to purify us, reconcile us with God, secure our salvation, and establish the new covenant. We can come to God directly through Jesus Christ.
- Week 1-8 (b): We are warned to pay attention to God's revelation, firmly place our hope in Jesus, obey His Word, and grow in spiritual maturity. We are to fix our eyes on Jesus and have our minds set on the eternal to persevere in faith, especially amid persecution.
- Week 10: Enduring hardships is one way that God disciplines us to make us holy and understand His holiness, which shall lead us to worship Him with reverent fear and joy.

This week...

- The book of Hebrews concludes with a call to action that all believers should live out, in light of Jesus' sacrifice. Jesus suffered outside the camp so that we could be made holy and could come to God in worship. Therefore, we ought to do good works that brings pleasure and glory to Him in response, as He has equipped and strengthened us through Jesus Christ.

Observation

1. Based on Heb. 13:1-5, what instructions does the author give his audience to live out?
2. What truths did the author emphasize to encourage his audience to live out their faith? (Heb. 13:5-8)
3. What sacrifices are required of believers in response to Jesus' sacrifice? (Heb. 13:13-16)
4. According to Heb. 13:17-19, what counsel did the author give his audience on how to treat their leaders?

Interpretation

1. How do the truths in Heb. 13:5-8 tackle the root cause of not living out the instructions written in Heb. 13:1-5?

2. What are the implications of Jesus suffering outside the city gate, especially as it relates to the law?

Leaders' note: Jesus' blood made the people outside the city gate holy. His sacrifice supercedes the Jewish laws so people will no longer benefit from Jewish rituals (v.9 eating ceremonial food), and the altar that Jesus is ministering in is greater than the tabernacle that is ministered by Jews (v.10).

3. Why would the instructions about sacrifices in Heb. 13:15-16 be important for his audience?

4. What does submitting to the authority of leaders teach us about Jesus? (Heb. 13:17, 20)

5. How does the benediction in Heb. 13:20-21 summarize the important teachings in the book of Hebrews?

Application

1. How can you actively demonstrate your love for one another within your community?

2. In what ways can you show hospitality to strangers and extend kindness to those in need?

3. What steps can you take to cultivate a lifestyle that allows you to serve or give sacrificially?

4. What one aspect of Hebrews 13 would you like to take to heart and put into action this week/month?

Moving beyond Prayers: Take Actions!

Prayerfully evaluate your current life in the following areas, and ask God to reveal which areas where you are fruitful and where you are falling short: 1) Hospitality, 2) Remembering those who are persecuted, 3) Purity, 4) Proper attitude towards wealth and personal achievements, 5) Appreciation for God's grace of salvation, 6) Offering praise to God, 7) Doing good and sharing with others, 8) Obedience to leaders, and 9) Prayer.

God called us to go to him outside the camp (v.13). To close off this study on Hebrews, take time to decide as a group to commit to serve the community in your city, that is outside of your home church.