

**Bible Study on Hebrews** 8 of 8 – Leader Guide  
Hebrews 13:1-25 (Final Exhortations, Blessings and Greetings)

**Schedule:**

- 1/19 – Hebrews Introduction & 1:1-2
- 1/26 – 1:3 - 2:18 (Jesus' Superiority over the Angels)
- 2/2 – 3:1 - 4:13 (Jesus' Superiority over Moses)
- 2/9 – 4:14 - 7:28 (Superiority of Jesus' Priesthood: Jesus, the New Melchizedek)
- 2/16 – 8:1 - 10:18 (Superiority of Jesus' Sacrifice)
- 2/23 – 10:19 - 11:40 (Exhortation to Faithfulness and OT Examples of Faith)
- 3/2 – 12:1-29 (Jesus the Ultimate Example of Faithfulness & warning against disobedience)
- 3/9 – 13:1-25 (Final Exhortations, Blessings and Greetings)

**Hebrews Chapter 13**

13:1-17

- A. This section of Hebrews has been used by the Church in many ways as it covers many aspects of Christian Living.
- B. The author brings up issues from the second table of the Law which deals with showing love to our neighbor (numbers 4-10).
  - a. 13:1-3 – You shall not murder 5 (Matthew 5:21-22)
  - b. 13:4 – You shall not commit adultery 6 (Galatians 5:19-21)
  - c. 13:5-6 – You shall not covet 9 & 10 (Matthew 6:25)
  - d. 13:16 – You shall not steal - being charitable 7 (Romans 12:13)
  - e. 13:17 – Honor your father & your mother – all those in authority (Romans 13:1)
    - i. This verse is specifically talking about obeying leaders in the Church.
- C. :7-15 reprises a theme that has been covered throughout Hebrews – who do we follow?
  - a. :7 – the faithful who have taught us.
  - b. :8-10 – the Jewish leaders in the temple are not following God.
  - c. :11-12 – Jesus is our High Priest and our sacrifice and atonement for our sins.
  - d. :13-15 – Encouragement to follow Jesus and offer our own sacrifice of thanks and praise.

13:18-19

A. These verses further show that this author was likely a well known pastor to this group of Hebrew Christians.

B. This is also a reminder to believers that they should regularly pray for church leaders.

13:20-21

a. This benediction from the author is used in the LCMS at the installation of a pastor at his new congregation.

b. :21 shows us that God's will is for us to be made holy in Christ and that we may serve Him in righteousness.

13:22-25

A. :22 is another verse that helps us see that Hebrews was written as a sermon.

B. The closing greetings show the close connection that the author had with the congregation, likely as their pastor.

a. We do not know who he was, but the connection with Timothy and the closing sentence are both common to the Apostle Paul.

### Themes in Hebrews

- The authority of Jesus.
  - And the New Covenant in His blood.
- Obedience to God and His word.
- Jesus' sacrifice as the great High Priest to atone for the sin of the world.
  - And our sacrifices of thankfulness and praise.
- The deceitfulness of sin.
- Apostasy – walking away from the faith.
- The fruits of faithfulness – for the individual and the community.
- Sanctification – being made holy.

“Grace be with all of you” (Hebrews 13:25)

God Bless.  
Pastor Brubaker, 3/9/25