

Hebrews (12)

Heb 13

The closing chapter is made up almost entirely of exhortations to the performance of various practical duties. The exhortations relate to the following points:

brotherly love, Heb 13:1; covers faults, shares burdens, extends a hand
hospitality, Heb 13:2; to care for the stranger as needed.
sympathy with those in bonds, Heb 13:3; primarily because of testimony for Jesus.
fidelity in the marriage relation, Heb 13:4;
contentment, Heb 13:5-6; based on the promises of God
submission to those in authority, Heb 13:7-8; church leadership

stability in the doctrines of religion, Heb 13:9-15; those related to salvation, holiness of Jesus, the day of the Lord, church service to community.

Of the Jewish sin-offerings, 10, 11. The law has become obsolete but not recognized by all.

not a material altar, but a personal one, and that is Christ; he is both our altar, and our sacrifice; he sanctifies the gift. We gain spiritual strength and growth, and have holy delight and pleasure.

Jesus suffered without the gate, and we should openly confess him and bear his reproach, 12, 13. carry our cross of ministry.

Here we have no permanent residence; and while we live should devote ourselves to God, and live to do good, 14-16.

benevolence, Heb 13:16; helping each other over the difficult, bumpy roads.

obedience to those entrusted with office, Heb 13:17; Not to oneself but to Christ; to build them up in knowledge, faith, and holiness. They are to watch against every thing that may be hurtful to the souls of men, and to give them warning of dangerous errors, of the devices of Satan, of approaching judgments; they are to watch for all opportunities of helping the souls of men forward in the way to heaven.

and special prayer for him who wrote this Epistle, Heb 13:18-19.

equip you with every good thing to do his will, working in us what is pleasing before him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever

The Epistle then closes with a beautiful and impressive benediction, Heb 13:20-21;
with an entreaty that they would receive with favor what had been written, Heb 13:22;

with the grateful announcement that Timothy, in whom they doubtless felt a great interest, was set at liberty, Heb 13:23;
and with a salutation to all the saints, Heb 13:24-25.