

Let Brotherly Love Continue



Week Thirteen

inTro



Read This Week's Passage:
Hebrews 13

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Hebrews 13 presents the apostle's concluding admonition: "Let brotherly love continue" (Heb. 13:1). He has affirmed throughout the epistle that we are of the household of the King—the brothers and sisters of the High Priest Jesus. The author does not conceive of the audience only as a group of individuals who work on their salvation in a one-to-one relationship with Jesus, but as a family, or household, saved together. Paul has characterized the work of Jesus for us as "brotherly love": He was "not ashamed to call them brothers" (Heb. 2:11, ESV). Thus, believers should do for one another what Jesus did for them.

Throughout the letter, brotherly love involved "exhorting one another" so that no one would fall short of the grace of God (Heb. 3:13; 10:24, 25; 12:15–17). In chapter 13 it involves numerous elements: hospitality (Heb. 13:2); visiting and supporting prisoners and those who have been mistreated (Heb. 13:3); honoring marriage (Heb. 13:4); avoiding covetousness (Heb. 13:5, 6); remembering and obeying the leaders of the church (Heb. 13:7–17); and praying for the author himself (Heb. 13:18, 19).



inScribe

Write out Hebrews 13 from the Bible translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, write out Hebrews 13:1–8. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you



Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?



Memorize your favorite verse in Hebrews 13. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

What more can we do for those who are in prison, whether church members or not?

In what practical ways can we strengthen our defenses against the two threats to brotherly love?



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inTerpret

After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?



What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

Why is the idea of anything that we do "adding" to this sacrifice contrary to the gospel and the grace that is found in Jesus?



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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

Genesis 18:2–15

Romans 12:13

Ephesians 5:3–5

1 Peter 5:1–4

Titus 1:8; 1 Peter 4:9

Luke 16:10–18

1 Corinthians 5:1



What other parables come to mind in connection with Hebrews 13?

Review your memorized verse from Hebrews 13.

A large grid of small dots for writing answers.



Meditate on Hebrews 13 again
and look for where Jesus is.



What does it mean for you
to follow Jesus "outside the
camp"?

How do you see Jesus
differently or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to
seeing Jesus in this way?



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Review the memory verse.
How does it apply to your
life this week?



After this entire lesson's study, how
can you apply its principles?

Which specific people must you
manifest this divine love to?

A large grid of small dots for writing answers to the questions above.



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Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



What is true brotherly love—its characteristics, causes, and results?

How would you differentiate it from false brotherly love?

How are our hearts strengthened by God's grace?

What are the ways that contemporary society undermines sexual purity and, at the same time, feeds the human love of money?

What can you do to strengthen or improve the leader-member relationship in your church, as well as with leaders around the world?

Why is it important to remember that God is leading us as a group? What are my responsibilities to the group? What can I expect from the group?