

Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> 2013  
The Letter to the Hebrews  
Part Seventy Six  
Study Questions

1). Read Hebrews 12:25-29 – Exactly what do you see laid out for us in these verses?

a). What is the scope of these verses and what affect does reading these verses in the light of what we know about them have on you?

2). Have you had previously held thoughts about Chapter 13 that would give this Chapter less significance than that which has gone before it?

a). Realizing that there are no chapter breaks in the original text of this letter what do you make of these 2 verses being placed side by side –

*‘For our God is a consuming fire. Let brotherly love continue.’?*

b). At the very least what must we realize about the admonitions we find in Chapter 13?

c). In fact, what should we see in these verses with respect to ourselves and the saving of our soul?

3). Heb 13:1 ¶ *Let brotherly love continue.* – What kind of love is being spoken of here?

a). What does the sentence suggest to us with regards to brotherly love?

b). Read Hebrews 10:23-25 – What progression do we see in these verses which is the same progression we see from Chapter 12 to Chapter 13?

c). In what way is the idea of brotherly love presented in our verses from Hebrews Chapter 10?

d). If brotherly love does not continue what impact would this have on what we see to do in the verses from Chapter 10?

e). What action should we be taking towards continuing in brotherly love so as to accomplish the things given to us in Chapter 10?

f). Is there any significance in the fact that the verses from Chapter 10 come right before the warning concerning the willful sin?

g). What do you think this would tell us about not continuing in brotherly love?

h). How do you think this would be connected to ‘drifting away’?

i). Which scriptures did we look at where Paul speaks of brotherly love?

j). What connection is there between the manifestation of brotherly love in our lives and our process to maturity?

k). Which scripture did we look at that shows this?

- l). What does the Greek word for 'brother' literally mean?
- m). Which scriptures did we look at with regards to our spiritual parentage?
- n). What does all of this say to you about your spiritual brothers and sisters and the way you should relate to them?
- o). What does the Apostle John have to say about loving our brother?
- p). What Greek word is the phrase 'brotherly love' a translation of and do you think there is anything to be learned from the Church of that name in the Revelation?
- q). Why do you think God takes this so seriously?
- r). How seriously are you taking it?

4). Heb 13:2 *Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.* – Within the historical setting for our letter who would the 'strangers' be?

- a). What are the recipients of the letter admonished to do?
- b). What connection does this have with brotherly love?
- c). What does the necessity of saying, 'Do not forget' tell us?
- d). Within our own setting, how should we understand 'strangers'?
- e). What should our attitude towards 'strangers' be and why?

f). How are you doing in this area?

g). What is it that determines our attitude towards 'strangers'?

h). What does Hebrews Chapter 6 have to say about God's response to our correct attitude?

i). What about entertaining angels unwittingly?

5). Heb 13:3 *Remember the prisoners as if chained with them--those who are mistreated--since you yourselves are in the body also.* – Historically, who are the prisoners spoken of in this verse?

a). What are the recipients of the letter told to do?

b). What does the fact they are told to remember suggest?

c). Why, according to our verse, should they remember the prisoners?

d). What part does their own previous experience play in this?

e). How does all of this translate into our own setting?

f). What part should our own previous experience play in this?

g). If we 'remember the prisoners as if chained with them' what actions on our part do you think should come from this?

h). Which scripture did we look at in which the Lord comments on persecution?

6). Heb 13:4 *Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.*

a). What are the two interrelated subjects of this verse?

b). What can we say about God's use of the marriage relationship within scripture?

c). What does the word translated 'honorable' mean and how is this reflected in your own marriage?

7). Any final thoughts?