

Sunday April 21st 2013
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Eighty One
Study Questions

1). Read Romans 12:1-2 – How do these verses relate to continuing in brotherly love, the growth of our marriages and offering the sacrifice of praise?

2). Read Colossians 3:16-18 – What sequence do we see in these verses that we also see in Ephesians Chapter 5 and Hebrews Chapter 13?

a). Why would it be no surprise to see submission within the context of these verses?

b). *17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive,* - What do we learn about submission in the marriage relationship that is applicable to submission within a church context?

c). What is it that we really need to have a firm grasp of in order that submission is something we will choose to do?

d). How would we attain and keep this firm grasp?

c). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

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3). Read Hebrews 13:7 – How should we understand this verse within the Book of Hebrews historical setting?

- a). Is the first part of this verse a suggestion?
- b). How should we respond to it?
- c). What parameter for the giving of obedience and submission does the second half of the verse establish?
- d). How is this then further qualified?
- e). What would be the consequence for those who would corrupt this verse either by abuse or neglect?
- f). Does this verse teach that you are to do everything that those who rule over you tell you to do?
- g). If not, how are we to understand the command to obedience and submission and which scriptures did we look at to help us with this?
- h). What is the purpose for this obedience and submission?

4). *Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.* – What does the word translated ‘grief’ literally mean?

a). What present application do we see here and what part are you to play in it?

b). What would it mean if you were not profiting from that which God has provided for us?

c). What future application would we also see here and what would be the end result?

d). Where do you think the Lord would say you stand at present with regards to obedience and submission in this context?

e). How big an issue is this do you think?

5). Read Acts 20:28-31 – What dual responsibility do we see the Elder has at the beginning of v28?

a). Why does the Elder need to ‘take heed’ to himself first?

b). Who makes the appointment of Elders and what is extraordinary about this?

c). According to these verses in Acts shepherding the flock has much to do with protection – what are the Elders to ‘watch’ for?

d). Is the Elders action of ‘watching’ limited exclusively to false doctrine?

e). What does Ezekiel have to say concerning the responsibility to ‘watch’?

f). What did Paul tell the Elders of Ephesus that comes out of that which is presented in Ezekiel?

g). What would the 'whole counsel of God' be?

h). Why should this be at the heart of the ministry of Elders?

i). What does Peter have to say about the ministry of Elders and what does this add to our understanding?

j). Read John 10:15 – What does this verse add to our understanding?

k). What must be the overriding concern for all who lead and teach the word of God to you?

l). How important was this to Paul and how would we know?

m). What do we learn from 1 Thessalonians 2:19?

n). What do you now understand about those who rule over you watching out for your souls?

o). Read 1 Corinthians 3:10 and 2 Corinthians 1:12 – what do we learn from these verses?

p). Any final thoughts for today?