

Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2013  
The Letter to the Hebrews  
Part Eighty Two  
Study Questions

1). Heb 13:17 *Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account.* – How does this verse fit within the overall structure of the Book of Hebrews?

a). How does it fit within the stated subject matter of the Book?

b). How would we see this borne out by the experience of the original recipients of this letter?

c). How would this also be true in our own setting and which scripture did we look at that would verify this truth?

2). Read Colossians 1:24-29 – what do we learn from these verses about the ministry of Elders and those who speak the word of God to you?

a). Apart from the grace that God gives them, what else would we know about these same individuals and what would it mean for them?

b). What encouragement and warning do we find in the scriptures with regards to those who shepherd the flock?

3). Read James 4:6 + 10 – What do these verses teach us about obeying and being submissive to those who rule over you?

a). On what basis must we make the choice to give this obedience and submission?

4). Read Hebrews 13:18-19 – What request is made at the beginning of v18?

a). What other examples of request for this kind of prayer did we look at?

b). Why is prayer of this nature so important?

c). What does this mean for your personal prayer time from this point onwards?

d). What are the possible consequences if we become complacent about this?

e). What does our writer say that he is confident of and how should we understand this? Which scripture did we look at?

f). What would we know about the writer's relationship with his readers and what would this add to the statements that he makes? Which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

5). Read Hebrews 13:20-21 – What is taking place in these verses?

a). What is his prayer about and what would this tell you about how those who rule over you are to pray?

b). How should we understand the reference to the ‘God of peace’ and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

c). What do the scriptures from Colossians Chapter 3 and Philipians Chapter 4 teach us about the peace of God?

d). How would these scriptures fit into our present context with regards to our verses from Hebrews?

e). What additional emphasis is given to the Lord as ‘the God of peace’?

f). What does the power of God demonstrated at Christ’s resurrection mean for us and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

g). How is the resurrected Christ described in these verses from Hebrews Chapter 13 and why is this particular description used?

h). According to our verses how has all this been accomplished and ratified?

i). How are we to understand the 'everlasting covenant' and what is the purpose for referencing it here?

j). Read v21 again – what is he praying for God to do?

k). How is this to be done?

l). How should we understand 'through Jesus Christ' and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

m). Focusing here on the Lord, the word made flesh, where does this inevitably bring us back to?

6). Heb 13:22 *And I appeal to you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation, for I have written to you in few words.* – What is our writer saying in this verse?

7). Heb 13:23 *Know that our brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly. 24 Greet all those who rule over you, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you. 25 Grace be with you all. Amen.*

a). What do we learn from these closing words?

b). Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-2 – what do these verses say to us with regards to our experience in studying Hebrews over the past 2 years?

c). Have you believed in vain?

d). In what way, if any, has your race of the faith matured as a result of studying the Book of Hebrews?

e). Any final thoughts on our season finale?