

Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

Hebrews 13:1-9

Lesson 18

It has been said that chapter 11 is the faith chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews; chapter 12 is the hope chapter; and chapter 13 is the love chapter. Chapter 13 teaches how the true runner runs, giving us practical instruction as to how to relate to others and the wonderful privileges we have because we belong to Jesus. May you be challenged and blessed as you study your calling and blessings.

DAY ONE: Read Hebrews 13:1-9

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheets and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?

- a. Hebrews 13:1-9 been divided into two sections. List below the subject(s) covered in each section.

Verses 1-6

Verses 7-9

How would you title the paragraph division, which includes verses 1-6? Verses 7-9 are included with the paragraph division that covers Hebrews 12:7-17. We will title that section next week. Record your title for verses 1-6 on the **Chapter & Paragraph Division Titles Chart** provided with your Observation Worksheet.

2. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbol**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

Used in prior homework lessons: *God* and *Jesus*.

Remember, as you mark these words, mark any personal pronouns that refer to Them.

New to this lesson: *Remember*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in Hebrews 13:1-9.

3. The contrasting term *but* occurs in Hebrews 13:4. What does this verse say?

4. Hebrews 13:1-9 contains several commands. Make a list of them and underline what we are to *remember*.

5. Using the chart titled *Jesus*, list a few things that Hebrews 13:1-9 reveal about Him.

DAY TWO: Read Hebrews 13:1

1. In Hebrews 13 the author is direct and to the point as he addresses a wide range of subjects with practical instructions for Christian living. The first subject and exhortation is recorded in Hebrews 13:1. What are we instructed to do?
 - a. It is interesting that the author's first exhortation in this chapter is to *love*. What do you learn about *love* and its significance from Jesus' words in John 13:34,35?
 - b. The word *continue* (Hebrews 13:1) also means "abide" or "remain". What does this imply in relationship to *love*?
2. We want to view *love* in what is often referred to as the love chapter of the Bible. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 and reflect on these verses. Summarize what you see regarding *love* and its:
 - a. importance (vs.1-3)
 - b. characteristics (vs. 4-8)

3. One of the greatest needs in the church body today is to *love* one another. The New Testament is filled with instructions on this subject. What do you learn from these Scriptures concerning the application of Hebrews 13:1?
 - a. Romans 12:10
 - b. Galatians 5:13
 - c. 1 John 3:16-18
4. Explain as you would to a new believer the meaning of Hebrews 13:1.

DAY THREE: Read Hebrews 13:2-4

1. What is the exhortation recorded in Hebrews 13:2a?
 - a. *Entertaining strangers* can be defined as hospitality. In what way is hospitality a demonstration of *love*?
 - b. Observe a beautiful Old Testament example of Hebrews 13:2a as you read 2 Kings 4:8-11. What application can you draw for your own life from this?
 - c. What are some different examples of hospitality?
 - d. If you were to exercise hospitality, what would be your goal?
2. *For some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!* Hebrews 13:2b NLT The Old Testament records several times when angels are entertained. Choose one of the following accounts and write a brief news report: Genesis 18:1-6; Judges 6:11-23; Judges 13:2-21.
3. What exhortation and instruction do you see in Hebrews 13:3?
 - a. Persecution in the early church often resulted in imprisonment for believers. In some countries today believers suffer in this way. As a member of the *body* (church), we should show *brotherly love* to them. How can we *remember those who are mistreated*?

Challenge: Go to “the Voice of The Martyrs” website at PrisonerAlert.com. Choose one of the prisoners and pray for them. Describe the situation of the person you chose.

4. Hebrews 13:4 addresses another subject that is of utmost importance, especially in our culture today. What does Hebrews 13:4 teach us about the following:
- a. marriage
 - b. immorality
 - 1.) *Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.* NLT In a time when adultery and immorality are rampant, what strong message is there in this verse for us?
 - c. How can we instill the truth of this verse in our own heart and our children's hearts?

DAY FOUR: Read Hebrews 13:5,6

1. Thoughtfully consider Hebrews 13:5 as you write it here phrase by phrase.
 - a. The word *conduct* means your manner or way of life. The phrase *without covetousness* means without love of money. Hebrews 13:5 could be paraphrased *Let your way of life be free from the love of money.* This is an exhortation to all believers, from the poorest to the richest. What might be the challenge:
 - 1.) to the poor?
 - 2.) to the rich?
 - b. We are exhorted to *be content with such things as you have.* Record at least one synonym and one antonym for the word *content*.
 - 1.) In what way is *contentment* an antidote for the sin of *covetousness*?
 - 2.) How can we learn to be *content*? See Philippians 4:11,12
 - c. Rejoice by writing the words of Hebrews 13:5c in large, bold letters.

- 1.) This promise was given to Moses and Joshua as recorded in the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 31:6,8; Joshua 1:5) Here in the Greek, there are three negatives making this promise one of triple assurance for all believers. It could read, "For He Himself has said: I will not, I will not, I will not let you down, leave you in the lurch, leave you destitute, leave you in straits and helpless, abandon you." How could knowing and believing this promise contribute to a life of contentment and freedom from covetousness?

2. Knowing the Lord will *never leave us or forsake us*, what can we *boldly* (confidently) *say*? Use Hebrews 13:6 to answer.
 - a. We can confidently say *the Lord is my helper*. How does knowing this remove the fear of what *man can do* to us?

DAY FIVE: Read Hebrews 13:7-9

1. Hebrews 13:7 instructs Christians to do three things regarding their spiritual leaders. Think for a moment about each of these instructions from the NIV and jot down a practical way you can:
 - a. *Remember your leaders, who spoke to Word of God to you*

 - b. *Consider the outcome of their way of life*

 - c. *Imitate their faith*

2. Verse 8 of Hebrews 13 is a favorite of many believers and one that is frequently quoted. What does it say?
 - a. Take a few moments to meditate on this verse along with Malachi 3:6a. What does this truth mean to you?

 - b. We must keep our eyes on our supreme Leader, Jesus Christ. We live in a corrupted world where human leaders can and do change and fail, but Jesus Christ never will. What assurance does this verse give you in this corrupt and changing world?

3. Observe the exhortation and instruction of Hebrews 13:9. Notice the word *not* is used twice in this verse. Believers are warned of certain dangers through these exhortations. What can you, as a believer, learn and apply today from these warnings and exhortations?
 - a. *Do not let all kinds of strange teachings lead you into the wrong way. Your hearts should be strengthened by God's grace, not by obeying rules about foods. Obeying such rules does not help anyone.* Hebrews 19:9 NCV There is an ever-present danger of being led in the wrong way. What instruction does Colossians 2:6-8 give to help protect us from this danger?

DAY SIX: Review Hebrews 13:1-9

1. When is it most difficult for you to:
 - a. *continue in brotherly love?*
 - b. be hospitable?
 - c. be *content?*
 - d. *remember those who are mistreated?*
 - e. (for those who are married) apply God's instructions for you in your *marriage?*
 - f. Obey those who *rule over you?*
 - g. not fall prey to following or entertaining man-made *doctrines?*
2. What are some things that help you to make the right choices and live according to God's will in the above instructions above?
3. What is significant to you about the fact that the Lord:
 - a. is your *helper*
 - b. *will never leave you or forsake you*
 - c. *is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*
4. What have you gleaned from this lesson that will help you in your daily walk?

... lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.
- Matthew 28:20 KJV