

The Book of Hebrews

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses that the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we study the eleventh and final section of **Hebrews** – **chapter 13**. This chapter can be divided into three subsections.

Read Hebrews 13:1-6

- In **13:1**, the writer encourages his readers to “[k]eep on loving each other as brothers.” What two practical examples of love does he give in **13:2-3**?
- Why should marriage be honored and the marriage bed kept pure? (**13:4**).
- What should we keep our lives free from? (**13:5**).
- What should we be content with? (**13:5**).
- What two promises are given to those who keep their lives free from the love of money? (**13:5-6**).

Read Hebrews 13:7-19

- What are we to consider and imitate (**13:7**) and how does this relate to **6:12**?
- What strange teaching were the Hebrews being carried away by? (**13:9**).
- What is the altar from which those who minister at the (natural) tabernacle have no right to eat? (**13:10**).
- What Old Testament type pre-pictures Christ's death “outside the city gate”? (**13:11-12**).
- What should our response be to **13:11-12**? (**13:13**).
- How does **13:14** relate to **11:10,14-15** and **6:12**?
- What kind of sacrifice is described in **13:15**?
- With what other kinds of sacrifices is God pleased? (**13:16**).
- If God is pleased with these sacrifices, what vital ingredient must be involved? (note **11:4,6**).
- Why should you obey your leaders and submit to their authority? (**13:17**).

Read Hebrews 13:20-25

- What will the God of peace equip you to do? (**13:20-21**).
- How does the writer's final blessing (**13:25**) relate to the entire book?

Memory Verse

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:15-16

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!