Hebrews 13 - Lesson 2

Hebrews 13:1-25 Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also. **v1-3**

Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" **v4-6**

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. **v7-9**

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. **v10-14**

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. **v15-16**

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. 19 But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. **v17-19**

Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. **v20-21**

And I appeal to you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation, for I have written to you in few words. Know that our brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly. Greet all those who rule over you, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you. Grace be with you all. Amen. **v22-25**

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Hebrews 13:4-6 Marriage is to be held in **<u>honor</u>** among all,…

1. **Marriage is to be held in honor among _____?**
2. **What does <u>all</u> mean? Why is marriage to be held in honor among all?**

ALL: 1. <u>Every one</u>, or the whole number of particulars**.**
2. <u>The whole quantity</u>, extent, duration, amount, quality, or degree**.**

Matthew 19:1-6 Now it came to pass,…that Jesus…came to the region of Judea… The Pharisees also came to Him,…saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to **<u>divorce his wife for just any reason</u>**?" And Jesus …said…, "**<u>Have you not read</u>** that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, '**<u>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife</u>**, and **<u>the two shall become one flesh</u>**'? So then, **<u>they are no longer two but one flesh</u>**. Therefore **<u>what God has joined together, let not man separate</u>**."

Malachi 2:13-16 And this is another thing you do: you cover the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping and sighing, because He no longer gives attention to the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. Yet you say, "**<u>For what reason</u>**?" Because the Lord has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your marriage companion and **<u>your wife by covenant</u>**. But **<u>did He not make them one</u>**, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And **<u>why one</u>**? **<u>He seeks godly offspring</u>**. Be careful then about your spirit, and **<u>see that none of you deals treacherously against the wife of your youth</u>**. "For I hate divorce," says the Lord, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with violence,"…."

Ephesians 5:22-33 Wives, **<u>submit</u>** yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the **<u>head</u>** of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church submits to Christ, so also the wives ought to be submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, **<u>love your wives</u>**, just **<u>as Christ also loved the church</u>** and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. So husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. **<u>He who loves his own wife loves himself</u>**; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, **<u>just as Christ also does the church</u>**, because we are parts of His body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church…each husband is to **<u>love</u>** his own wife the same as himself, and the wife must see to it that she **<u>respects</u>** her husband.

3. **If the definition of all is true, who does that include concerning a marriage?**

4. What is honorable about marriage (characteristics)?

5. Marriage is to be honored by all, that means no one should dis_____ it?

6. How do some people (Christian and non-Christian) dishonor marriage, today?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

7. Why does the devil, the world, and the flesh want to dishonor marriage?

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to **steal, and to kill, and to destroy**.

8. How can a marriage be stolen? Die? Be destroyed?

9. What is the main ingredient that keeps a marriage healthy?

LOVE: (agapē / agapaō), G26 / G25: Self-giving, willed love that acts for the good of the other, whatever the feelings.

10. Where does agapē love come from?

11. If you want a great marriage you need God's version of _____? Get it how?

1John 4:7-16 Beloved, let us love one another, for **love is of God**; and **everyone who loves is born of God and knows God**. **He who does not love does not know God**, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us & sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, **if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another**. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. … **God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him**.

12. What is wrong with the world's love?

13. Can the world have a decent marriage? What do they need? Who has it?

14. If people follow God's principles, does it go better or worse for them? Why?

Pro 19:17 He who has **pity on the poor** lends to the Lord, & He will pay back what he has given. **22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go**, And when he is old he will not depart from it. **5:14-18 Drink water from your own cistern (sex with own wife)**, And running water from your own well. Should your fountains be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets? Let them be only your own, And not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, And **rejoice with the wife of your youth**.

Hebrews 13:4-6 …the marriage bed is to be **undefiled**;…

15. What is supposed to be the condition the marriage bed? Bed bugs/Dirty Sheets?

16. What does undefiled mean (general)?

UNDEFILED: Clean, **pure, unstained, free from the pollution**. Opposite of defiled.

17. What does defiled mean (general)?

DEFILED: Not clean, **stained or polluted**.

18. What does undefiled bed mean (marriage)?

UNDEFILED BED: Marriage bed is **kept pure & honorable**: **sex between husband & wife is clean & approved by God**, & it stays **free from adultery & sexual immorality**.

19. What does defiled bed mean (marriage)?

DEFILED BED: Is a marriage bed that has been polluted by sexual sin, such as adultery, fornication, or sexual immorality. It no longer stays pure and honorable, because sexual intimacy has been taken outside the marriage covenant.

Hebrews 13:4-6 …the marriage bed is to be **undefiled**; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge…

20. Who will judge the fornicators, adulterers and the sexual immoral? Result?

1 Corinthians 6:8-10 …Do you not know that the **unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God**? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, …nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, …will inherit the kingdom of God.

21. Who saves them from that judgement? If they what?

Acts 4:11-13, 2:37-39 This is the 'stone (Christ) which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' **Nor is there salvation in any other**, for there is no other **name under heaven** given among men **by which we must be saved** …Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins;…"

John 1:11-13, 3:16 Jesus came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But **as many as received Him**, to them He gave the right to become children of God, **to those who believe in His name**: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God… For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life**.
Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God **must believe that He is**, and that He is a rewarder of those who **diligently seek Him**.

22. Who will God not judge as it relates to sexual conduct and intimacy/sin?

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now **no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus**, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Hebrews 13:4-6 …Let your conduct be **without covetousness**;…

23. Let your _____ be without _____?

24. What does conduct mean?

CONDUCT: How you live and behave: your manner of life, meaning your actions, habits and the way you treat others.

25. What does covetousness mean?

COVETOUSNESS: An **excessive, greedy desire for something that isn't yours** or that you shouldn't have, such as another person's possessions, wealth or spouse.

26. What does this mean: *…Let your conduct be without covetousness?*

27. Examples of what it looks like to let your conduct be done with covetousness?

28. What is the opposite of covetousness?

CONTENTMENT: Satisfied with what you currently have and not craving what belongs to someone else. It is closely related to generosity and thankfulness.

29. God does not want us to covet, He wants us to be _____?

Heb 13:4-6…be **content** with such things as you have…

30. God's command is to be content with what you _____?

31. What happens when people are not content with what they have?

James 4:1-3 Where do wars & fights come from among you? Do they not come from **your desires for pleasure that war in your members**? You lust & do not have. **You murder and covet & cannot obtain**…Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask & do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

32. Are you content with what God has given to you? Why?

33. Why should Christians be content with God and Him only?

Mat 6:32-34 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father **knows that you need all these things**. But **seek first the kingdom of God** & His righteousness, and **all these things shall be added to you**. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Hebrews 13:4-6…For He Himself has said, "**I will never leave you** nor forsake you."

34. If God never leaves or forsake you, isn't He accessible at all times to hear you?

35. If your Father is always there, what is the problem exactly?

Mat 17:19-21 …the disciples came to Jesus…and said, "**Why could we not cast it out**?" So Jesus said…, "**Because of your unbelief**; for assuredly,…if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and **nothing will be impossible for you**.

James 1:5-7 If **any of you lacks** wisdom, let him **ask of God**, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him **ask in faith**, with **no doubting**, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

Heb 11:6 But **without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a **rewarder of those who diligently seek Him**.

1 John 5:14 Now this is the **confidence that we have in Him**, that **if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us**.

Romans 12:1-2 …brethren, by the mercies of God, … **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And **do not be**

conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, **that you may prove** what is that good and acceptable and **perfect will of God**.

Hebrews 5:6-8 As He also says in another place: "You (Jesus) are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek"; who, in the days of His flesh, when He had **offered up prayers and supplications**, with vehement cries and tears **to Him who was able to save Him** from death, and **was heard because of His godly fear**, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

Php 4:6-7 **Be anxious for nothing**, but in **everything** by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be **made known to God**; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

36. Why are so many prayers not "heard"? Is God deaf? Responds to what?

37. When we come to God in faith, we can be what? Why? What shouldn't we be?

Heb 13:4-6 …So we may **boldly** say: "**The Lord is my helper; I will not fear**. What can man do to me?"…

38. What does it mean to come boldly? Does it mean to come prideful too? How?

BOLDLY: With confidence, courage & openness, without fear or shrinking back. Speaking or acting freely & plainly, trusting God not worrying about what people think or will do.

39. If God is our helper what/who do we have to fear? Why do we fear (anxiety) then?

Heb 4:15-16 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy & find grace to help in time of need.

40. If you have confidence in God, what can people do to you? Can they keep you from His blessings?

41. What can keep us from His blessings? Salvation?

Ps 46:1-3 **God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble**. **Therefore we will not fear**, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah