JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER

Hebrews 13:1–25

Key Verse: 13:8

* Note how Hebrews urges us to persevere (3:12,13; 6:11,12; 10:25,36,38,39; 12:1–3). What had the author just taught about God and his kingdom and how we should respond to him? (12:28,29)

1. Read 13:1; compare with 6:10 and 10:24. What does it mean to love one another “as brothers and sisters”? (Pr17:17; Ro12:10; 2Pe1:5–7) To “keep on”? (Php1:25)
2. Read verse 2. Who are “strangers”? (Lev19:34) What does it mean to not forget to “show hospitality” to them? (Mt25:35) Who served angels without knowing it? (Ge18:2; 19:1) Read verse 3. Why is it important to continue to empathize with Christians in prison and those who are mistreated? (cf. 10:34; 1Pe4:13)
3. Read verse 4. What does it mean to honor marriage and the marriage bed, and why is this so important? (4; Mk 10:6–9; 1Co6:9–11) Read verses 5,6. What is the danger of loving money, and how can we be free from it? (1Ti6:6–10)
4. What did their leaders do for them, and why is this so valuable? (7; cf. 4:12) What does it mean to “imitate” their faith? (6:12) Read verse 8. What does it mean that Jesus is “the same” yesterday and today and forever, and how does this encourage us? (2:9; 12:2,3)
5. What did Paul warn them about? (9a) How can our hearts be “strengthened by grace”? What is the “altar” we have the privilege to eat from? (10; cf. 10:10,14) How did Jesus fulfill what the high priest used to do? (11,12) Read verse 13. What does it mean for us to do this practically? (Lk9:23) What is our hope? (14)
6. What sacrifices should we be offering through Jesus, and why? (15,16) How should we relate to our leaders, and what is a leader’s responsibility? (17) What request did the author make? (18,19) Read verses 20,21. How does this encourage us? What can we learn from the final greetings (22–25)?