
The Same Yesterday and Today and Forever (13:1-25)

1. A casual reading of Hebrews 13 may at first appear disconnected and unrelated to the preceding chapters. How might this chapter connect to the complete message of Hebrews, particularly 12:28-29?
2. Whenever a NT author presents a list, usually the first on the list is the key concept and can serve as a summary of all the others. What is the key thought in 13:1-6?
3. After listing exhortations in 13:1-5, the conclusion in 13:6 summarizes the attitude of someone who relies on the Lord (Ps. 118:6). Why was it important to remind the original audience of this truth?
4. There is an obvious emphasis in the chapter to consider leaders in the church (cf. 13:7, 17, 24). Given what you know about the original audience's present-day circumstances, why is it important to have good leadership?
5. What three imperatives should the audience consider regarding their leaders (cf. 13:7-8)?

6. What does the preacher want the audience to “remember” (cf. 2:3-4) and why is this necessary (cf. 13:8-9)?

7. Leadership implies that there are followers. Where does Jesus’ leadership lead us to (cf. 13:10-14)? In the OT, who and what are left “outside the camp”?

8. What are characteristics of acceptable worship to God (cf. 13:15-16)? Define worship.

9. What responsibilities do we have towards elders of our church family (cf. 13:17-19)?

10. The author’s final prayer (cf. 13:20-21) contains key concepts and phrases that are throughout the message of Hebrews. From the information in the prayer, what encouragement and blessings can we receive through Jesus Christ?