

Hebrews 13:1-9

LESSON 26

Rules and Rulers to Remember

1. Hebrews 13:1-9

- a. These are the commandments / rules for remnant Israel
- b. 13:1 - Brotherly Love... should *continue*
 - i. This is how they knew they were disciples – John 13:34-35, 151:10-14
 - ii. John explains in detail how to know true love – 1 John 3:16-17, 2:9-11
- c. 13:2 – Entertaining Angels
 - i. Which was part of the law – Deu 10:18-19 (see also Jam 1:27)
 - ii. Who entertained angels? Abraham and Lot – before judgment on Sodom
 - iii. Angels appear as wingless men throughout the Bible – Gen 19, Rev 21:17
 - iv. They were to entertain them Rev 14:6, 12, Paul warns against them – Gal 1:8
- d. 13:3 – Facing Bonds and Adversity
 - i. “as bound”, “as also in the body” = Love thy neighbour as thyself
 - ii. This is not the mystery Body the church, which has not been mentioned once
 - iii. Jesus promised they would be bound and afflicted – Luke 21:12-19
 - iv. Remembering the least of these earns them entrance - Matt 24:9,46; 25:34-46
- e. 13:4 – Marriage and Honor
 - i. There were false teachers turning Heb 7:18 into sin, impurity, and rebellion
 - ii. Did Jesus come to destroy marriages? (No.) Luke 12:52-53, 20:35-36
 - iii. Peter warns against these false teachers – 1 Pet 2:12-13, 2 Peter 2
 - iv. Marriage teaches God’s grace, love, faithfulness, order, and responsibility
- f. 13:5-6 – Coveting and Contentment
 - i. Don’t envy evil men, don’t complain – Prov 24:1, Ps 37:1-3, 28; Ps 73; Jude 16
 - ii. “I will never leave you” – Murmuring, worry, complaint is a form of unbelief
 - iii. This is a unique promise to Israel – Gen 28:15, De 31:6-8, Josh 1:5, 1Sa 12:20
 - iv. Jesus said, “I am with you always” – Matt 28:20; also see Ps 56:3-4,11-12
- g. 13:7, 17, 24 – Rulers Over You
 - i. There was a law against speaking evil of the ruler – Exo 22:28, 1 Pet 2:17
 - ii. The Hebrews have rulers, Acts 4:35, Mt 19:28, priests who give an account
 - iii. Paul says we give account of ourselves - Ro 14:12, 1 Cor 4:3-4, 1 Tim 2:5
 - iv. “whose faith follow” - The servant is not greater than his Lord – John 15:17-20
 - v. “considering the end” – Matt 10:24-25; John 13:14-16; Stephen died – Acts 6:8
- h. 13:8 – Jesus Christ the Same
 - i. This does not mean we can take anything Jesus ever said/did and do it now
 - ii. This is not speaking of Jesus in his humanity, his ministry, or his teaching
 - iii. God never changes, and Jesus is God – Mal 3:6; Heb 1:12, Col 2:9
 - iv. He will be with them as their King (ruler, captain) and will not fail them
- i. 13:9 – Avoid Strange Doctrines