

# Hebrews 13:9-25

## LESSON 27

### *An Everlasting City to Come*

#### 1. Hebrews 13:9 – Avoid Strange Doctrines

- a. The final section is most attributed to Paul, but we must remember the content
- b. Paul gives a similar admonition (Titus 3:9), but the grace here is explained in 12:15-28
- c. This is where you put John 1:17

#### 2. Hebrews 13:10-14 – A Continuing City

- a. They = unbelieving Israel at the altar; We = believing Israel with a better altar
- b. The altar they have is in the kingdom/heavenly – Heb 7:13, Eze 41:22, 44:10, 15, 48:11
- c. *“without the camp”* – is literal, not metaphorical, as is Jesus’ sacrifice without the gate
- d. *“his reproach”* – Because they follow him in name, word, and deed – 1 Pet 4:14
- e. *“seek one [a city] to come”* – Their hope in a city, Zion, kingdom come – 12:28, Ps 84:10

#### 3. Hebrews 13:15-19 – Offering Sacrifices and Doing Good

- a. There was an actual sacrifice of thanksgiving – Lev 22:29, Lev 7:12-15, but...
- b. *“sacrifice of praise”* – Is something they do in the kingdom city – Jer 17:26, 33:11
- c. The sacrifice of praise because of the good works of Jesus - Ps 107:22, Jonah 2:9
- d. *“unprofitable”* – James 2:14, what profit is there of faith without works?
- e. *“I beseech you to do this”* - Requesting prayer for restoration – remember 10:34

#### 4. Hebrews 13:20-21 – Everlasting Covenant/Follow the Shepherd

- a. *“perfect in every good work”* - Is what the book of James is about
- b. *“shepherd of the sheep”* – is Christ – Isa 40:11, John 10:11, Mtt 10:5-6
- c. He will lead them to green pastures – Ps 23, and Ezekiel 34
- d. *“everlasting covenant”* is defined in scripture as Israel in their land
  - i. Gen 17:7, 13, 19; *“of rest”* - Lev 24:8; *“of peace”* – Num 25:13; *“sure”* – 2 Sam 25:3/Isa 55:3; *“of the land”* - Ps 105:10/1Chr 16:15-17; *“in the kingdom”* – Isa 61:8; *“one heart, one way”* - Jer 32:40/Acts 4:32; resurrection – Eze 37:26

#### 5. Hebrews 13:22-25 – Closing Exhortation

- a. Many think this proves that Paul wrote it, but remember the audience
- b. *“word of exhortation”* – Barnabas? (Act 4:36) – heed the word of Christ – Acts 11:23
- c. There were many who knew Timothy – John, the Twelve, Apollos, Barnabas
- d. *“they of Italy”* – are also found in Acts 18:2-3
- e. *“rule over you”* – as in Gal 2:6, 2:9, 2:12-13; Acts 15 – Judas and Silas exhort also
- f. What we know is that the book speaks of the better things to Israel’s remnant going through their tribulation, exhorting them to faith in Jesus as their Shepherd, Apostle, and Christ, and hope toward their city to come.