

Hebrews  
(Lesson 21)

Introduction:

1. Hebrews was written to encourage the Lord's people to remain faithful to Him.
2. Ch.13 contains a number of instructions that promote faithfulness.
  - a. (vs.1-3) We must fulfill our responsibilities toward others.
  - b. (vs.4) Faithfulness in marriage relations must be maintained.

Discussion:

I. MARRIAGE IS HONORABLE IN ALL

- A. This literally means: "marriage is to be held in honor in all."
- B. Marriage is to be held in honor because God is the author of it (Genesis 2:18-24).
- C. In order for a marriage to be held in honor, both spouses must fulfill their God-given responsibilities.
  1. Wives (Ephesians 5:22-24; Colossians 3:18; 1 Peter 3:1-6)
  2. Husbands (Ephesians 5:25-28; Colossians 3:19; 1 Peter 3:7)

II. THE MARRIAGE BED IS TO BE UNDEFILED

- A. God made us in such a way that we have physical desires and needs.
- B. God has given us a way in which we can fulfill our desires and needs - *in marriage*.
  1. Genesis 2:24
  2. Proverbs 5:18-19
  3. 1 Corinthians 7:1-5
- C. God approves of physical intimacy within the marriage relationship; however, . . .

III. GOD WILL JUDGE THOSE WHO ARE GUILTY OF IMMORAL BEHAVIOR

- A. God does not approve of certain types of sexual activity.
- B. The Bible condemns adultery and fornication.
  1. 1 Corinthians 5
  2. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 18-20
  3. Galatians 5:19-21
  4. Colossians 3:5-6
  5. Revelation 21:8
  6. Revelation 22:14-15

Conclusion:

We learn from this passage that faithfulness to Christ includes faithfulness in marriage.