

Hebrews  
(Lesson 24)

Introduction:

1. Hebrews 13 contains a number of instructions that are designed to help the Lord's people remain faithful to Him, especially during times of affliction.
  - a. (vs.1-3) We are to show love and hospitality to others.
  - b. (vs.4) We are to maintain faithfulness and purity in our marriage relations.
  - c. (vs.5-6) We must avoid covetousness, and we are to be content.
  - d. (vs.7) We are to remember those who have taught us.
  - e. (vs.8-9) We are to follow Christ's example of steadfastness.
2. (vs.10-16) We are to offer sacrifices.

Discussion:

- I. (vs.10-12) CHRIST IS OUR EXAMPLE OF SACRIFICE
  - A. (vs.10) Christians "*have an altar*" [place of sacrifice].
    1. It is not like the altar of the Old Testament (Exodus 27:1-8).
    2. Those who serve the tabernacle have no right to this altar -- it is only for Christians.
  - B. There is a similarity between the Lord's sacrifice and Old Testament sacrifices.
    1. (vs.11) The bodies of the animals whose blood was brought into the sanctuary were burned "*without the camp*" (Leviticus 16:27-28).
    2. (vs.12) Jesus, who gave Himself as a sacrifice for sins, was crucified "*without the gate*" [outside the city -- John 19:16-20].
  - C. The Lord's sacrifice is far greater than any animal sacrifice (7:26-27; 10:11-12).
  - D. In addition to offering Himself as a sacrifice, . . .
- II. (vs.13-16) THE LORD'S FOLLOWERS ARE TO OFFER SACRIFICES
  - A. Our sacrifices are greater than those offered under the old covenant in that they are "*living*" (Romans 12:1-2) and "*spiritual*" (1 Peter 2:5).
  - B. (vs.13-14) We are to bear the Lord's reproach (1 Peter 4:12-16).
    1. To do this we must go to Him without the camp.
    2. We do this because we do not have a "*continuing [lasting] city*" (11:8-10, 13-16).
    3. We look for a city "*to come*" (2 Peter 3:13-14).
  - C. (vs.15) We are to offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually by Christ (Ephesians 5:19-20; Colossians 3:16-17).
  - D. (vs.16) We are to do good and communicate (Romans 12:13; Galatians 6:9-10).
    1. God is pleased with such sacrifices (Philippians 4:18).
    2. He will not forget them (Hebrews 6:10).