



Persisting Love in Bearing Reproach

Lesson Sixty-One • Hebrews 13:9-14

23 Commands in Hebrews 13 for Persisting Love to Move Forward to Our Final Salvation!*						
PERSISTING LOVE for One Another! (vv. 1-6)	PERSISTING LOVE with Church Leaders! (vv. 7, cf. 17, 24)	PERSISTING LOVE by the Changeless Christ! (v. 8)	PERSISTING LOVE in Bearing Reproach! (vv. 9-14)	PERSISTING LOVE as Believer Priests! (vv. 15-17, [18a])	PERSISTING LOVE thru the Great Shepherd! (vv. 20-21)	PERSISTING LOVE to Keep Moving Forward! (vv. 18-19, 22-25)
8 Commands in 4 Pairs Y'all persist in brotherly love and avoid the pitfalls (sexual immorality & material idolatry) with godly motivation!	9 Commands 2 + 0 + 2 + 5			NO COMMANDS!		6 Various Commands
	Let us keep going outside the camp to bear Jesus' reproach as believer priests by imitating past leaders who finished well (v. 7) and obeying present leaders who teach and lead well (v. 17) according to the sound doctrine about the changeless Christ! Rather than being carried away by strange doctrines, continually offer up the spiritual sacrifices that please God: <i>Gratefully confess His name in word and deed!</i>			Only God's gracious blessing through JESUS our Lord, the risen Great Shepherd, will equip us to will and to work what is pleasing to God!		Keep moving forward with conviction in community by God's ordinary means of grace until we enter God's final rest!

*15 explicit commands plus 8 implicit ones due to grammatical structure.

"JESUS CHRIST, yesterday and today, the SAME, and into FOREVER!" Hebrews 13:8

Persisting Love Chooses to Bear the Reproach of Jesus

1. Refuse to Be CARRIED AWAY by Whatever Is the Latest and Greatest. (13:9-10)

"Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings," (v. 9a)

- Being carried away with the latest and greatest bears **NO** reproach. (v. 9a)

1. What might carry you away from Christ?

Curiosity?

Novelty?

Popularity?

Exclusivity?

2. What are the various kinds of strange teachings? *Ephesians 4:14*

- The benefits of being biblically **BORING**. (v. 9b-10)

Only the Changeless Christ Provides Life-Changing Grace!

The grace of God in Jesus Christ does what no **EXTERNAL** rule or ritual or religious person can.

Be Biblically Boring but Blessedly Changed

1. Grace strengthens us internally in God's **PURPOSES**.

"for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited." (v. 9b)

Colossians 2:6-12

2. Grace brings us into God's **PRESENCE** like nothing else can.

"We have an altar..." (v. 10a)

Hebrews 4:14-16

3. Grace gives us God's **PRIVILEGES** that are greater than any reproach or whatever this world offers.

"We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat." (v. 10)

We presently "have": [1] a great high priest in Jesus (4:14; 8:1); [2] things (fruit) that have to do with salvation (6:9); [3] the know-so hope of entering the Holy of holies to anchor our souls (6:19); [4] bold confidence to enter by the blood of Jesus (10:19); [5] better eternal possessions in heaven (10:34); [6] an unshakeable kingdom for which we have/show gratitude (12:28); [7] an eternal city we are seeking since we don't have a lasting one here on earth (13:14); and [8] clear consciences like the pastor teacher (13:18; cf. 9:9, 14; 10:2, 22).

4. Grace fulfills God's **PICTURES** in the prophecies, people, places, and promises of the Old Testament.

2. Remember Jesus Bore OUR Reproach on the Cross. (13:11-12)

Background: The Day of Atonement in Leviticus 16

"For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned outside the camp. (v. 11)

- **The Frequency of Access:** Once a year and only the High Priest entered with blood into the Holy of holies.
- **The Blood:** The blood of these sin offerings was taken inside the Holy of Holies and sprinkled on the mercy seat to cleanse the tabernacle and the people.
- **The Cleansing:** Unlike regular sin offerings done throughout the year for individual or specific unintentional sins, the Day of Atonement sin offerings cleansed the entire sacred space and the whole community at once.
- **The Bull and the Two Goats:** Unlike other offerings where the priests would eat a portion of the sacrifice, the blood of these sacrifices were brought directly into the Holy of holies by the High Priest, but the bodies were *burned outside the camp!*
- **The Scapegoat:** Alongside the sin offering goat, a second goat (the scapegoat) had the sins of the people confessed over it and was sent away into the wilderness – *outside the camp!*

Fulfillment: Jesus on earth outside the city gate on the cross and in heaven at the right hand of God in the Holy of holies.

"Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate." (v. 12)

- Jesus *did it all* for us with an **OBEDIENT** life.
- Jesus *bore it all* for us with a **SACRIFICIAL** death.
- Jesus *paid it all* for us with a **RESURRECTED** life, ascension, exaltation, session, and intercession.

3. Resolve to Bear Jesus' Reproach by Always Going OUTSIDE the Camp. (13:13-14)

- Let us keep **MOVING** toward Jesus who is "outside the camp"!

"So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach." (v. 13)

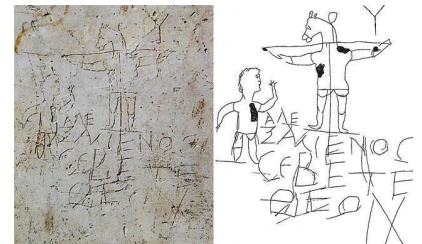
Hebrews 11:24-27; 10:32-34

- Let us keep **SEEKING** the heavenly city of God where Jesus already is and will one day bring down from heaven!

"For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come." (v. 14)

Embrace His disgrace as we move forward in persisting love!

"Alexamenos worships his god."



History mocks what heaven honors!

Persisting Love Keeps Moving Forward to Bear the Reproach of Christ Outside the Camp!

"Let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city to come."