



HEBREWS

STEADFAST FAITH IN OUR SUPERIOR SAVIOR

So Long Self: The Anatomy of Acceptable Worship (Pt.2)

Hebrews 13:1-6

MAIN POINT



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sacrificial love that dies to self.

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1 Corinthians 6:9-10



³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ **For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.**



⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, **the sexually immoral**, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, **their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur**, which is the second death.”



How a Christian Sacrificially Loves the Gifts of God (vv.4-6)

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⁸ But if we have food and clothing, **with these we will be content.** ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ **For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.** It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.



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Do not love money

Do not hoard money



¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21



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APPLICATION



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Helper of your soul (v.6)

¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, **but he helps the offspring of Abraham.** ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, **he is able to help those who are being tempted.**



¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, **that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

Hebrews 4:15-16





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“NOW MAY THE GOD OF PEACE WHO
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HEBREWS 13:20-21

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Hebrews 13:1-6 – *Pastor Scott Gnuse*

MAIN POINT: Acceptable worship requires a sacrificial love that dies to self.

How a Christian sacrificially loves the family of God (1-3)

- Love for the stranger (2)
- Love for the sufferer (3)

How a Christian sacrificially loves the _____ of God
(4-6)

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Application: When faced with the temptation to compromise in your worship, draw near with confidence to the great Helper of your soul (2:16-18; 4:15-16; 13:6).

Growing Deeper

1. How do we see marriage being dishonored in today's culture or even within the church? What does it practically look like to hold marriage in honor among all? What are some ways you can better honor your spouse (if applicable) or show your support for another marriage in this church?
2. How does the warning at the end of Hebrews 13:4 shape your thinking about sexual immorality? What should (must) Christians do to combat the pervasive trends of sexual immorality in today's culture? What steps do you personally need to take to combat sexual immorality?
3. What does it look like to be content with what you have? When do you find it most difficult to be content? How can we fight against our culture's constant enticement toward covetousness?
4. Looking back on Hebrews 13:1-6, what are the various expressions of selfishness at play in this text? How does sacrificial love and death to self allow us to offer acceptable worship to God? What do our radical displays of love communicate to the watching world about our relationship with God and Christ Jesus?

Heart Preparation: Prepare your heart for worship on 11/23 by reading and meditating on Hebrews 13:7-17.

Family Discipleship: As a family, read Genesis 2:18-24 together. Ask your children to make observations from this text? How does the Bible describe the relationship of Adam to Eve? Who made them and brought them together in marriage? What does this passage teach us about marriage and why it is to be treated with honor? What exactly is honor and how do you show honor to things that you care deeply about?

Prayer Prompt: Heavenly Father, thank You for the good gifts of marriage and money. Help me to treat each of these gifts with the honor and respect they deserve according to Your Word. May I learn the importance of contentment in my spiritual walk, so that I may offer acceptable worship in all that I do. Amen.