

THINGS NECESSARY TO WELL PLEASING WORSHIP

Hebrews 13:1-6

INTRODUCTION:

- A. These people must not refuse the God who speaks to them
 - 1) Do not beg-off from His teachings
 - 2) His word has shaken the earth
 - 3) It will shake it and the heavens once more

- B. They must be grateful to God and worship Him in a manner well pleasing to Him.
 - 1) There are eternal things
 - 2) There is His kingdom
 - 3) Because of these things they should worship God in reverence and respect.
 - 4) There were some things they needed to do to make their service well pleasing.

I. Some Necessary Things 13:1

A. *"Let brotherly love continue."*

- 1) *"brotherly love"* = φιλαδελφια = "brotherly love", "love of the brethren"
- 2) *"continue"* = μενω = "to remain"
- 3) *"Let love for the brethren abide"*

B. *"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers:..."*

- 1) *"forgetful"* = επιλησμονη = "to forget"
- 2) *"entertain"* = ξενιζω = "to receive as a guest"
- 3) *"strangers"* = φιλοξενια = "love of a guest or stranger", "hospitality"
- 4) *"...for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."*
- 5) There were no hotels, only places of ill repute. Because there was much communication between the early churches it was important for these individuals to provide places of rest.
- 6) *Genesis 18:3* *III John 5-8*

C. *"Remember them that are in bonds as bound with them..." vs 3*

- 1) "remember" = μνησκω = "to think much of a thing and therefore remember", "keep on one's mind"
- 2) "bonds" = δεσμιος = "a binding", "bound"
- 3) "bound" = συνδεω = "to be bound with another", "a fellow prisoner"

D. *"...and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body."*

- 1) κακωχουμενος = "ill treated", "mishandled"
- 2) "body" = σωμα = "the body as a whole"
- 3) "And remember those who are being treated badly because you are both in the body (the church), what one church member suffered, all others might also."

II. They Must Maintain Moral Purity

A. *"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled..." vs 4a*

- 1) "marriage" = γαμος = "a wedding"
- 2) "honourable" = τιμος = "valued", "held in honour"
- 3) "bed" = κοιτη = "a lying", "the marriage bed"
- 4) "undefiled" = αμικτος = "unsoiled", "unstained"
- 5) "Marriage should be respected by everyone" GSPD
- 6) "And the marriage relation kept sacred" GSPD

B. *"...but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."*

- 1) "whoremongers" = πορνος = "those persons who indulge in sexual relationships outside marriage"
- 2) "adulterers" = μοιχος = "those who are unfaithful to their marriage vows"
- 3) "judge" = κρινει = "to judge"

III. They Must Trust God For Their Material Needs vs 5-6

A. *"Let your conversation be without covetousness..." vs 5a*

- 1) "conversation" = τροπος = "a turning", "habits"

2) "covetousness" = αφιλαργυρος = "not moneyloving",
"liberal", "generous"

3) "Turn your heart and mind to generosity"

B. "...and be content with such things as you have..."

1) "content" = αρκεομαι = "to have enough" thus one is free
from the desire to have more, which is covetous.

2) "Let what there is suffice" BER

C. "...for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor
forsake thee"

1) "forsake" = εγκαταλειπω = "to leave behind in any
state or condition"

2) "leave" = ανιημι = "to send up or forth", "to let go", "to
relax", "loosen"

3) "I will never let go of you, nor will I ever leave you
behind under any circumstances."

4) Genesis 28:15 Deuteronomy 31:6 Joshua 1:5

5) Psalms 37:25

IV. God's Promises Give Boldness

A. "So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper..." vs 6

1) "boldly" = θαρρω = "courageous", "to be confident"

2) "helper" = βοηθος = "a rescuer", "a supporter", "one who
brings help in the time of need"

B. "...and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

1) "fear" = φοβεομαι = "to be afraid"

2) "I will not be afraid, What shall man do unto me?"

C. We should seek to glorify God by trusting Him to intervene
and provide.

1) Ezra felt this need

2) Ezra 8:21-23