

WE HAVE AN ALTAR

Hebrews 13:10-16

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Paul pleaded with the Hebrew assembly to seek to stabilize themselves. vs 9
- 1) They must avoid being carried about
 - 2) Their hearts should be established
- B. They could not be established by observing laws and rules about one's diet.
- 1) Many had occupied themselves in this activity
 - 2) It had not profited them
- C. Paul now revealed to them the altar where they are to eat
- 1) *"We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle."* vs 10
 - 2) *"We are not without an altar but it is one at which those who still worship in the Tabernacle have no right to eat."* TENT
- I. Outside The Camp, The Old Testament Animal Sacrifice vs 11
- A. *"For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp."* vs 11
- 1) *"beast"* = ζῷον = "a living animal"
 - 2) *"burned"* = κατακαίω = "to burn completely"
 - 3) This was the offering for the atonement. The blood of the animal was taken into the sanctuary and there offered for the sins of the people. The priests were commanded NOT to eat any of these bodies.
- B. They Day Of Atonement
- 1) *Leviticus 16:27-28*
 - 2) None of this flesh was to be eaten

II. Jesus Suffered Outside The Gate

A. *"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate."* vs 12

- 1) *"sanctify"* = *αγιαζω* = "to set apart"
- 2) *"suffered"* = *πάσχω* = "to be acted upon and to receive evil from another"

B. Jesus was crucified outside Jerusalem

- 1) *Matthew 27:32-33* - *"And as they came out..."* - 33 *"And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha..."*
- 2) *Mark 15:20* - *"...and led him out to crucify him."*

III. We Must Suffer Outside The Camp vs 13

A. *"Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp..."*
vs 13

- 1) *"Let us then go out to Him..."*
- 2) *"Let us be going forth unto Him..."*

B. *"...bearing his reproach."*

- 1) *"bearing"* = *φέρω* = "to carry as a burden"
- 2) *"reproach"* = *ονειδισμος* = "defamation", "revilings"
- 3) *"Bearing His disgrace"*
- 4) *"Sharing the shame with Him"*

IV. We Have No Permanent Address

A. *"For here we have no continuing city..."* vs 14

- 1) *"continuing"* = *μένω* = "to remain", "abide"
- 2) *"For here we have no permanent city"* TENT

B. *"...but we seek one to come."*

- 1) *"seek"* = *ἐπιζητέω* = "to seek earnestly"
- 2) *"to come"* = *μελλών* = "to be about to"
- 3) *"But we are earnestly seeking the city that is to be"* MON

C. What and where?

- 1) The one Abraham looked for 11:14, 16
- 2) The one Jesus is preparing John 14:1
- 3) The one John saw Rev 21:2

V. Let Us Then Praise And Thank Him vs 15

A. *"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually..."* vs 15

- 1) "offer" = αναφέρω = "to bring up", "offer up"
- 2) "sacrifice" = θυσια = "the act of killing and offering up in sacrifice"
- 3) "praise" = αινεω = "to speak in praise of"
- 4) "continually" = διαπαντος = "through the whole time", "always"
- 5) "Let us, through Jesus, continually lay on the altar a sacrifice of praise to God."

B. *"...that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."*

- 1) "fruit" = καρπος = "produce", "result"
- 2) "lips" = χειλος = "a lip"
- 3) "thanks" = ομολογω = "to speak or say the same thing with another"
- 4) "The speech of lips that glorify the name of God" WMS

VI. Let Us Not Forget To Do Good vs 16

A. *"But to do good and to communicate forget not:..."*

- 1) "communicate" = κοινωνια = "the act of partaking or sharing", "participation"
- 2) "forget not" = επιλανθανεσθε = "to forget something but as a habit"
- 3) "Do not neglect to do good and to share what your have"
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B. "...for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

1) "sacrifices" = θυσια = "offerings"

2) "well pleased" = ευαρεστω = "to please well"

3) "For God is highly pleased with just such sacrifices "as these"."
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