

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

2-4-18 Ken Carlton

Title: REVERENT LIVING

Main Text: Hebrews 13:1-9

Aim: TO PRESENT A CALL TO WORSHIP FOR ALL OF LIFE...

Sermon Description: Following the apostolic pattern of laying out detailed instruction in the doctrine of the faith followed by exhorting the practice the faith demands, the author of Hebrews shifts gears toward application in chapter 13. Recalling the structure of Romans where Paul calls the church to the obedience of the faith in chapters 12 and following, our author presents a few examples of behavior that ought to be transformed by the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. We should remember that these practical imperatives are intentionally prefaced by much more material proclaiming the beauties of our redemption and the glories of our sovereign God. The lifestyle of the believer rightly flows from our appreciation of the precise and powerful truths of our salvation. This application portion of the epistle of Hebrews is bracketed by a call to acceptable worship. Verse 28 adjures us: "...let us offer to God acceptable worship with reverence and awe for our God is a consuming fire." Verse 16 likewise states: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13 is a classic example of the third use of the law (1. *Mirror* to show us our sin 2. *Curb* to restrain the course of evil & 3. *Guide to reveal what is pleasing to God*) This use presents a vision for worship for believers. The author of Hebrews draws examples from both tables of the law of how to express our gratefulness to God in pleasing ways for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

Heading: ...ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP REGARDING...

1. RELATIONSHIPS (Heb 13:1-4)

- a. Strangers (Gen 18:1-20)
- b. Prisoners (10:32-34, II Tim 1:15-18)
- c. Marriage (12:16)

2. RESOURCES (Heb 13:5-6)

- a. Contentment (I Tim 6:6-10)
- b. Promises (Josh 1:1-9)
- c. Confidence (Ps 118:6, 56:4,11)

3. REGULATIONS (Heb 13:7-9)

- a. Examples (11, 6:12)
- b. Foundation (1:1-3)
- c. Warning

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Relationships	Abraham	Resources	Paul	Regulations	Next week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Heb 13:1-4	Gen 18:1-20	Heb 13:5-6	I Tim 6:6-10	Heb 13:7-9	Ps 78:1-17

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: ...Psalm 78:1-17...