

PRAISE

Hebrews 12v1-25

A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

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Hebrews 13v15-16: Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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Hebrews 11v6: ...without faith it is impossible to please God...

1) Brotherly Love

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- **By showing hospitality (v2)**

V2: Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

“The great goal of hospitality is always more than an offer of food or friendship. It is to showcase God’s generous big-hearted welcome and to offer his invitation to all people to be part of his eternal family.”

Carolyn Lacey

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V1: Keep on loving one another...

- By showing hospitality (v2)
- **By showing compassion (v3)**

V3: Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

2) Personal Holiness

V4: Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

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“He has all things, who has him, who has everything.”

Jeremiah Burroughs

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V5: Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

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V6: So, we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?”

3) Faithful Leadership

V7: Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

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V17: Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

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V9: Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so.

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V12: And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.

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V14: For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

Until that day arrives...

V15: Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

V16: And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

A final blessing...

V20-21: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

