

13:1 Let brotherly love continue.

13:2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

13:3 Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.

13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

13:5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

13:6 So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

13:7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

13:9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

13:10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

13:11 For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

13:12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

13:13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

13:14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

13:16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

13:18 Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably.

13:19 But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

Good morning everyone. This is finally the last week of August. I hope the heat has eased up considerably. We can now hear the cool sound of bell bugs at night.

Today is the last day of our reading of the book of Hebrews.

We have heard all about the incomparable Jesus as the High Priest of heaven. In today's reading, this verse from Deuteronomy 31 is quoted.

Therefore we say without reserve, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. I have no fear. What can man do to me?"

Let us continue to "look unto Jesus, the guide and the finisher of our faith," who "is the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 12).

He is the one who "is not able to continue in ministry because of death, so that many are set up as priests" (Hebrews 12). But because He is eternal, He continues to have the ministry of a priest, which does not change. And since he is ever living and interceding for them, he is always able to save those who come to God through him. (Hebrews 7)

Let us look at this Jesus.

"Moreover, 'In the beginning, O Lord, you set the foundation of the earth. And the heavens are the work of your hands. These things will perish, but You are the One who is everlasting. All things become old like a garment, and You wrap them up like a cloak. These things change like a garment, but You are always unchanging; Your goodness will never cease.'" (Hebrews 1)

"Therefore let us say without reserve, 'The Lord is my helper; I have no fear. I have no fear. What can man do to me?

Therefore, because we are in the strong protection, we can go forward in Jesus without fear, without flinching, with confidence, and without being led astray.

Therefore, let us live in this way.

1. Continue in brotherly love.

Continue in brotherly love. This is important.

1 John 4:7 "Beloved, let us love one another. Let us love one another. Love is from God. He who loves all is born of God, and knows God.

4:8 He who does not love does not know God. God is love.

4:20 He who says, "I love God," and hates his brother, is a liar. He who does not love his brother whom he sees in the flesh cannot love the invisible God.

4:21 He who loves God should also love his brother. This commandment we have from God.

John 13:34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Love one another, just as I have loved you.

13:35 And if you love one another, then all will recognize you as my disciples.

2 Do not forget to entertain travelers. In this way some people entertained the messengers without realizing it.

In the Book of Genesis, we read of an incident in which Abraham Toloth entertained the angel.

Genesis 18:1 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the terebinth tree of Mamre. It was in the heat of the day, and he was sitting at the entrance of his tent,

18:2 And he lifted up his eyes and saw three men standing toward him. When he saw this, he ran from the entrance of his tent to meet them, and stooped to the ground,

18:3 And he said, "My Lord, if I have obtained grace before You, let not Your servant pass by.

18:4 And I will fetch you some water, and ye shall wash your feet, and rest under this tree.

18:5 I will fetch you a mouthful of bread. 18:5 I will go and get a mouthful of bread. You have come all the way to the servant. They said, "Do as you have said.

18:6 Then Abraham hastened into his tent, and went to Sarah, and said, "Make haste, and take three sheaves of fine wheat flour, and knead them together, and make bread.

18:7 And Abraham ran to the herd of cattle, and took a good tender calf and gave it to the young man, and he hastened to cook it.

18:8 And Abraham took the curds and the milk and the cooked calf, and offered them before them, and stood by their side under the tree, and served them, and they ate.

18:9 And they said to Abraham, "Where is Sarah your wife? He said, "In a tent.

18:10 One of them said, "Next spring I will surely return to you. Then your wife Sarah will have a son.

19:1 The two messengers arrived at Sodom at dusk. And Lot was sitting at the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he stood and welcomed them, and fell down to the ground,

19:2 And he said, "My Lord, please stop by your servant's house, wash his feet, and stay the night. And arise early in the morning and get up. They said, "No, we will spend the night in the square.

19:3 But Lot insisted, and they finally stopped at his place and went into his house. And Lot prepared a feast for them, and baked them unleavened bread to eat.

3 Be considerate of those who are in prison, as if you were also in prison with them. And be mindful of those who are afflicted, because you are also in the same body.

Matthew 25:34 Then the king will say to those on his right, "Blessed are you, O ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

25:35 When I was hungry, you shall feed me; when I was thirsty, you shall give me drink; when I was a sojourner, you shall give me lodging,

25:36 For when I was naked, you clothed me; when I was sick, you visited me; when I was in prison, you asked me.

25:37 Then the righteous will answer and say, "When, O LORD, did we give you food when we saw you

hungry, and drink when you were thirsty?

25:38 When did we see that thou art a sojourner, and lend thee lodging; when we saw that thou wast naked, and clothe thee?

25:39 And when we saw that you were sick and in prison, did we come to you?

25:40 And the king will answer and say, "I say to you well. What you did to one of the least of these, my brother, you did to me.

4 Every man should respect marriage. 5 And he shall not defile his bed, neither shall he defile his bed. For God will judge the adulterer and the adulteress.

Since we are in such deep love and under God's watchful eye, since we have come to know love, to entertain travelers, and to understand the pain of others, the Bible tells us to avoid greed and trust God's protection to keep us away from all the things that can lead us astray in our lives.

Genesis 2:20 So man named all the cattle, and the birds of the air, and every beast of the field; but man found no helper worthy.

2:21 So the Lord God caused the man to sleep deeply, and when he slept, he took one of his ribs and covered the place with flesh.

2:22 And the Lord God formed a woman of the ribs which he had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

2:23 Then said the man, "This is my bone at last! This is at last bone of my bones, / and flesh of my flesh. I will name her Woman, because she was taken from a man.

2:24 Then shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Ephesians 5:22 O ye wives! Serve your own husbands as you would serve the Lord.

5:23 For as Christ is the head of the church, and is Himself the Savior of the body church, so is the husband the head of the wife.

5:24 And just as the church serves Christ, so should the wife serve her husband in all things.

5:25 O ye husbands! Love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it.

5:26 Christ did so by washing with water, that he might cleanse and sanctify the church by his word,

5:27 And to receive unto Himself a glorious appearing, clean and without blemish, without spot, without wrinkle, and without any sign of the like.

5:28 In the same way, a husband must love his wife as his own body. He who loves his wife loves himself.

5:29 No one has ever hated his own body. Instead, we are to nurture and feed ourselves as Christ did the Church.

5:30 For we are the body of Christ.

5:31 "Therefore a man should leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two should become one flesh.

5:32 This is a great depth. It refers to Christ and the Church.

5:33 In any case, each of you should love his wife as himself. 5:33 In any case, each of you should love your wife as yourself, and the wife also should honor her husband.

The Bible tells us that this is a great and profound truth. God makes a suitable helper for each person, guides them, unites them, and teaches them the relationship between Christ and the Church through the marriage relationship. This marriage is valued, and immorality and adultery are excluded.

5 Do not love money, but be content with what you have. For the Lord said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you.

6 Therefore let us say without flinching, / "The LORD is my helper. I have no fear; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

1 Timothy 6:4 He is proud, who knows nothing, but is sick with arguments and strife of words. 6:5 And the intellect is corrupt, and the spirit of envy, and strife, and reproach, and jealousy, and revilings, arise out of it,

6:5 And there will be endless wrangling among those whose intellect is corrupt, who turn away from the truth, and who think that piety is gain.

6:6 But it is a great gain to have faith and to know that there is enough.

6:7 For we have come into the world without anything, and we have come into the world without anything. 6:7 We came into the world without anything, and we will leave the world without anything.

6:8 But if we have food and clothing, that should be enough for us.

6:9 He who desires to be rich falls into temptation and enticement, and into all kinds of senseless and terrible passions that lead one to destruction and ruin.

6:10 The love of money is the root of all evil. For some have gone astray from the faith because of their covetousness for money, and have pierced themselves with much pain.

6:11 But thou, O man of God! Avoid these things, and thou shalt not be ashamed of them. And pursue righteousness, piety, faith, love, patience, and meekness.

The Lord has not left us, and the Lord has not forsaken us, but has led us with patience through arrogance, and has patiently led us through the wilderness to forty years indeed.

Deuteronomy 8:2 You shall remember all the way that the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness for these forty years. It was to afflict thee and to try thee, to know thy heart, and to know whether thou wilt keep his commandments or not.

8:3 So the LORD afflicted thee, and made thee hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not,

neither did thy fathers know. 8:4 And he did it that thou mightest know that man liveth not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD.

8:4 For forty years thy garments were not worn out, neither were thy feet healed.

8:5 Thou shalt also be mindful that as a man trains his children, so shall the LORD thy God train thee.

I will never leave you nor forsake you." "The Lord is my helper. I have no fear. What can man do to me?"

Deuteronomy 31:1 Then Moses went on to tell these words to all the people of Israel,

31:2 And he said to them, "I am already one hundred and twenty years old today, and I can no longer go in and out. And the LORD said to me, 'You shall not cross this Jordan.

31:3 The LORD thy God will go before thee, and will destroy the people of these nations from before thee, and will make thee to catch them. And Joshua will lead thee across, as the LORD once said.

31:4 And the LORD will do unto them, as he did unto Sihon king of the Amorites, and unto Og, and unto the land, and will destroy them.

31:5 And the LORD will deliver them to you, and you shall do to them according to all my commands, which I have commanded you.

31:6 You shall be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid of them or tremble, for the LORD your God is with you. For the LORD your God will go with you. He will never forsake you, nor will he abandon you.

Joshua 1:5 And there shall not be any that shall be able to stand against thee in the days of thy life. I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not forsake thee, neither will I forsake thee.

1:6 Be strong and mighty! Thou shalt let this people possess the land which I swore to their fathers that I would give them.

1:7 Only be strong and mighty, and do all the law which my servant Moses commanded thee, and turn not away from it to the right hand or to the left. 1:8 And be strong, and do all things that are written in this book of the law, that thou mayest be victorious whithersoever thou goest.

1:8 Thou shalt not let this book of the law depart out of thy mouth, but shalt meditate on it day and night, and shalt do all that is written in it, observing all that is written in it. 1:9 And I will command thee, and thy way shall prosper, and thou shalt have the victory.

1:9 Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and mighty. Wherever you go, the LORD your God will be with you; do not be afraid, do not be dismayed.

7 Remember always those leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Look to the end of their lives and follow their faith.

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

See what happened to the leaders who spoke the Word of God, who hung on the Word of God, who

interceded and prayed, and who spoke the Word of God, in the end. And follow their faith. They too "looked to Jesus, the guide and finisher of our faith," and they too "looked unto Him, the author and finisher of our faith," but they too "passed away," but "Jesus Christ remained the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Hebrews 1:10 further states, "In the beginning, O Lord, You laid the foundation of the earth. And the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

1:11 These things perish, but You are everlasting. 1:11 All things are old as a garment; all things have become old as a garment; all things have become new,

1:12 And thou shalt wrap them up like a cloak. These things change like a garment, but You are always unchanging, and Your goodness never ceases.

9 Do not be led astray by different doctrines. 10 Let not your heart be troubled by food, but let it be strengthened by grace. He that walketh by food hath not profited.

10 For we have an altar, and we have a place of worship. 10 We have an altar, and those who serve in the tabernacle have no right to the food of that altar.

11 For the blood of the beast, which is offered by the high priest for sins, is carried into the sanctuary, but his body is burned outside the tabernacle.

12 Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the gate to cleanse the people with his own blood.

13 Therefore let us also bear his shame, and let us go out from the camp to be with him.

James 1:13 If anyone is tempted, let him not say, "This temptation is from God. For God is not a tempter of iniquity, neither does he willingly tempt any man.

1:14 For each man is tempted because of his own lusts and enticements.

1:15 For lust poureth out, and bringeth forth sin: and sin ripeneth, and bringeth forth death.

1:16 Beloved brethren, do not be mistaken. Do not be mistaken.

1:17 Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes down from above, from the Father of lights. There is no such thing as a change or a shadow of turning in the Father.

Because of man's greed, man is lured, drawn, and sins. You cannot deliver a person from the laws of man's deepest greed and sin by observing food regulations.

We should pursue the Kingdom of God, His righteousness, and His will rather than what we eat or drink.

Matthew 6:31 Therefore do not be troubled, saying, What shall I eat, or what shall I drink, or what shall I put on?

6:32 For all these things the Gentiles long for. Your heavenly Father knows that all these things are necessary for you.

6:33 Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be yours. Then all these things will be given to you together.

6:34 Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow. 6:34 Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow itself will be anxious about itself. For one day's trouble is enough for one day.

The Israelites sinned and could not endure worship to God, requiring sacrificial bodies and blood, but they still sinned, and God built a new tabernacle outside the camp. God gave His tabernacle outside the camp in a place that was originally unclean.

Exodus 33:3 Go ye up into the land flowing with milk and honey. But because you are a stubborn people, I will not go up with you in your midst, lest I destroy you by the way.

33:4 The people were grieved at this bad news, and not one of them put on his ornaments.

33:5 The LORD said to Moses, "Say to the people of Israel, 'You are a stubborn people. If I go up with you even for a moment among you, I will destroy you. Therefore now take away your ornaments from yourselves, and I will be gracious to you. Then I will know what to do with you.

33:6 So the Israelites had removed their ornaments since Mount Horeb.

33:7 And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it outside the camp, away from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And all who had business with the LORD went out and went to the tabernacle of meeting, which was outside the camp.

33:8 And when Moses went out to go to the tabernacle, all the people rose up and stood at the entrance of his tent to see him off, until he came into the tabernacle.

33:9 When Moses entered the tabernacle, a pillar of cloud descended and stood at the entrance of the tabernacle. And the Lord spoke with Moses.

33:10 And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tabernacle, they stood and worshiped at the entrance of their tents.

12 So also Jesus suffered outside the gate to cleanse the people with his own blood.

13 Let us therefore also bear his shame, and let us go out of the camp to be with him.

Jesus was humiliated and crucified outside the gates of that city, and there He made atonement for man and became the tabernacle of meeting with God for us.

We, too, are to go outside the gates of the city, where we are protected, and in the storm of sin, we are to be humiliated, afflicted, and suffer hardships, and there we are to testify of Christ and receive Him as the tabernacle of meeting.

John 16:31 Jesus answered, "Do you now believe?"

16:32 Behold, the time will come when ye shall be scattered, and ye shall return each to his own house, and leave me alone. No, it has already come. But I am not alone. The Father is with me.

16:33 I have told you these things so that you may have peace in me. 16:34 And I have spoken these things unto you, that ye may have peace in me. But take courage. I have already overcome the world.

14 There is no eternal city on earth. The city that is coming is the one we are looking for.

15 Therefore let us offer up to God, through Jesus, the third sacrifice, the fruit of the lips that praise his name.

16 And let us not forget to do good and to give alms. For God is pleased with such sacrifices.

There is a heavenly city that will soon come. We have hope to dwell in it.

Let us give thanks to God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. And let us do good, give alms, serve, contribute, and actively support one another. This is the sacrifice that God is pleased with.

Romans 12:1 Brethren. I exhort you therefore by the mercy of God. Present your bodies as a living and holy offering, holy and pleasing to God. That is the spiritual worship you should do.

17 Hear what your leaders say and obey them. They are awake for the sake of your souls, as those who are to minister to God. Let them not grieve, but do this willingly. Otherwise it will not profit you.

18 Pray for us. For we believe that we have a clear conscience, and we desire to do right in all things.

19 I especially ask you to pray for me, that I may return to you quickly.

13:20 The great Shepherd of the sheep by the blood of the everlasting covenant, the God of peace, who raised up our Lord Jesus from the dead,

13:21 We beseech thee, through Jesus Christ, to do us all things whatsoever thou wilt, and to provide all good things for us, that ye may do his will. Glory be to God, unto the end of the world, Amen.

Verse 17 again speaks of leaders. He talks about not discouraging us, but accepting us as watchmen of our souls. And in verse 18, he asks you to pray for me, that I may act with a clear conscience, that I may act righteously. The evangelist who spoke with confidence and looked up to the heavenly temple was also a man in need of prayer and help. And in the fellowship of the flock, we desire to look to the Lord together, and we pray. We help each other. We are a people who serve one another with brotherly love, keeping ourselves pure, not being led astray, looking to the Lord with faith, and moving toward God the Father in Jesus Christ our Lord. I pray that the Lord's abundant blessings will continue to be poured out on this church and on each of us.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. The Lord is my helper. I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? Thank you that Jesus Christ is the everlasting Helper, yesterday, today, and forever, who is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He is ever living and interceding for them. We do not fear because Jesus is the ever-living and unchanging Priest. Living God, please protect us this week. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.