

## HEBREWS CHAPTER 12 OUTLINE

### THE SUPREME EXAMPLE OF ENDURANCE: JESUS CHRIST 12:1-29

#### The Great Christian Race, 12:1-4

##### 1. Its inspiration: A great cloud of witnesses (v.1a) 2. Its required disciplines (v.1b-c)

- a. To lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily trips us (v.1b)
- b. To run with endurance (v.1c)

##### 3. Its supreme example: Jesus (v.2)

- a. His participation: The author and finisher (v.2a) b. His inspiration: The joy (v.2b)
- c. His discipline: Endured (v.2c) d. His reward: Exalted (v.2d)

##### 4. Its controlling factor: Staying one's mind on Jesus' endurance (v.3)

##### 5. Its great demand: Resisting temptation—even to blood (v.4)

##### 1. The strong exhortation concerning discipline (v.5-7)

- a. Do not take discipline lightly (v.5a) b. Do not faint or give up under discipline (v.5b)
- c. Endure discipline (v.6-7) 1) God disciplines us because He loves us (v.6)
- 2) God disciplines us because we are His children (v.7)

##### 2. The purposes of discipline (v.8-11)

- a. To show us that we are sons of God (v.8) b. To teach us to think of life now and eternally (v.9) c. To make us a sharer of God's holiness (v.10)
- d. To bear within us the fruit of peace and righteousness (v.11)

##### 3. The believer's duty (v.12-13)

- a. To strengthen his weak grip and buckling knees (v.12) b. To make straight paths for his feet (v.13a) c. To receive healing, that is, discipline (v.13b)

#### The Great Duty and The Great Dangers of Believers, 12:14-17

##### 1. The great duty of believers (v.14)

- a. To pursue peace (v.14a) b. To pursue holiness (v.14b)

##### 2. The great dangers threatening believers (v.15-17)

- a. The danger of falling short of God's grace (v.15a) b. The danger of bitterness (v.15b)
- c. The danger of immorality (v.16) d. The danger of being sensual and profane... Esau (v.17)

#### The Great Motivation: The Two Approaches to God—The Old and the New Covenants,

##### 1. The first or old approach: The old covenant (v.18-21)

- a. Was an external worship (v.18a) b. Was to a holy, distant God of judgment (v.18b)
- c. Was a reluctant, fearful approach (v.19-21) 1) To the people (v.19-20) 2) To the leaders 21)

##### 2. The new approach: The new covenant (v.22-24)

- a. Is a spiritual and heavenly worship (v.22a) b. Is to the angels of God (v.22b)
- c. Is to the church of Christ (v.23a) d. Is to God, the Judge of all (v.23b)
- e. Is to the spirits of the righteous already departed (v.23c)
- f. Is to Jesus, the Mediator—to the sprinkled blood of Jesus (v.24)

#### Warning Five: The Danger of Refusing to Hear Jesus Christ—12:25-29

- 1. There shall be no escape whatsoever for the close-minded (v.25)**
  - a. There was no escape under Moses and the law (v.25a)
  - b. Much more, there will be no escape under Christ and grace (v.25b)
- 2. God warns about a great shaking and judgment of heaven and earth in the future**
  - a. To remove and change the material elements (v.27a) b. To prove eternal elements (v.27b)
- 3. Think: An unshakeable kingdom can be received (v.28-29)**
  - a. How: By showing gratitude, that is, by serving God (v.28) b. God is a consuming fire (v.29)

## **HEBREWS CHAPTER 13 OUTLINE**

### **THE SUPREME MARKS OF CHRISTIAN CONDUCT, 13:1-25**

#### **Mark One: Controlling One's Personal Behavior, 13:1-8**

- 1. Mark 1: Brotherly love (v.1) 2. Mark 2: Hospitality (v.2) 3. Mark 3: Helping the prisoners and the mistreated (v.3) 4. Mark 4: Purity in marriage (v.4)**
- 5. Mark 5: Contentment (v.5-6)**
  - a. By being free of covetousness (v.5a) b. By having God's continued presence and help (v.5b) c. By your testimony (v.6)
- 6. Mark 6: Remembering your leaders (v.7)**
  - a. Those faithful to the Word (v.7a) b. Follow their faith (v.7b)
  - c. Their end: They shall be with God (v.7c)
- 7. Mark 7: Remembering your Source of life and power—Jesus Christ (v.8)**

#### **Mark Two: Guarding Against Strange Teaching, 13:9-16**

- 1. The strange doctrines or teachings (v.9-11)**
  - a. Strange teachings carry people away from God's grace (v.9a) b. Strange teachings stress ritual over grace (v.9b) c. Strange teachings do not profit a person (v.9c)
  - d. Strange teachings are based upon the wrong sacrifice (v.10-11)
- 2. The true doctrine or teaching (v.12) 3. The duty of believers (v.13-16)**
  - a. Must go forth to Christ (v.13)b. Must seek the continuing, eternal city (v.14)
  - c. Must offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually (v.15)
  - d. Must do good and give sacrificially (v.16)

#### **Mark Three: Obeying and Praying for Leaders and Being Perfected In Good Works,**

- 1. Mark 1: Obeying leaders (v.17)**
  - a. Leaders watch over our souls (v.17a) b. Leaders know their accountability (v.17b)
  - c. Leaders can be grieved and hurt (v.17c)
- 2. Mark 2: Praying for one another (v.18-19) 3. Mark 3: Being perfected by God and Christ (v.20-21)**
  - a. By the God of peace (v.20a) b. By the God of resurrection and life (v.20b)
  - c. By the great Shepherd (v.20c) d. By the everlasting covenant (v.20d) e. By the working and energizing of God (v.21)
- 4. The concluding remarks (v.22-25)**
  - a. Be open to exhortation (v.22) b. Be aware of the conditions of saints (v.23) c. Be in fellowship with leaders (v.24) d. Be aware of God's grace (v.25)