

Hebrews Chapter 13

- Remember to Love the Brothers (1-3)
 - 1 Let brotherly love continue.
 - 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
 - 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.

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- Let brotherly love continue. (1)
 - John 13:34-35
 - 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.
 - 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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- Let brotherly love continue. (1)
 - 1 Corinthians 13:3
 - 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.
 - **Added – not on your outline**

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- Let brotherly love continue. (1)
 - In time of trials, maintain your relationship with the church
 - Exhort and encourage (Hebrews 10:24-25)
 - Isolation exposes one to unnecessary danger (of falling away)

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- Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. (2)
 - Romans 12:13
 - Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
 - Strangers might be Christians who have been scattered by persecution

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- ... for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. (2)
 - Genesis 18:1-8 (Abraham)
 - Ran to meet them
 - Genesis 19:1-3 (Lot)
 - Lot offered hospitality without being asked

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- Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.
 - Remember – more than merely think about them
 - Feel compassion
 - Remember in prayer

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- Remember those who ...
 - Imprisonment increases with persecution
 - Give aid for their relief
 - They are part of the same body as you
 - 1 Peter 3:17
 - For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

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- Remember the Warnings (4-8)
 - 4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.
 - 5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

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- Remember the Warnings (4-8)
 - 6 So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”
 - 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.
 - 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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- Let marriage be held in honor ...
 - it is lawful for the ministers of the gospel to marry
 - the whole doctrine of the superior purity of a state of celibacy is false
 - Asceticism, gnosticism – unholy union
 - Marriage should not be dishonored by violation of its vows

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- Let marriage be held in honor ...
 - 1 Corinthians 7
 - 26 I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is.
 - Not intended to be a permanent injunction, but good in view of current persecution

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- God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
 - 9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,
 - 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

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- God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.
 - Two views
 - Divorce and remarriage before becoming a Christian is forgiven with all other sin.
 - It is necessary to leave the adulterous relationship and return to first spouse upon becoming a Christian.

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- Keep your life free from love of money, ...
 - 1 Timothy 6:10
 - For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

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- Keep your life free from love of money, ...
 - Covetousness – misplaced trust
 - You will supply yourself
 - rather than God supply you

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- Be content with what you have, ...
 - Philippians 4:10-13
 - [10](#) I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.
 - [11](#) Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.
 - [12](#) I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the **secret** of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.
 - [13](#) I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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- Be content with what you have, ...
 - 1 Timothy 6:6-9
 - 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain,
 - 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.
 - 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.
 - 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

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- He has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”
 - Deuteronomy 31:6-8

Moses to
Israel

- 6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

Moses to
Joshua

- 7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it.
- 8 It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

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- He has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

— Joshua 1:1-5

- 1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant,
- 2 “Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ...
- 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.

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- So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”
 - Confidently – boldly, without hesitation or doubt
 - Psalm 37:25
- **David** I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.

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- So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”
 - Psalm 27:1
 - The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
 - Psalm 118:6-7
 - 6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?
 - 7 The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

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- Remember your leaders, ...
 - those who spoke to you the word of God
 - Leaders does not refer to elders in this case, but rather to teachers and preachers.
 - Remember their instruction, counsel, example

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- Consider the outcome ...
 - Though they are no longer living, what is their eternal fate?
 - 2 Timothy 4:7-8
 - 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
 - 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

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- Imitate their faith
 - 1 Corinthians 11:1
 - Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

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- Philippians 3:17-21

- [17](#) Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.
- [18](#) For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.
- [19](#) Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.
- [20](#) But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
- [21](#) who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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- Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
 - Does not change His plans from day to day
 - If he were to change from day to day, who would know what to expect?
 - He sustained people in former times and will continue for us
 - Therefore, persevere.

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- Remember to Follow the Redeemer (9-16)
 - 9 Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.
 - 10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat.

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- Remember to Follow the Redeemer (9-16)
 - [11](#) For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp.
 - [12](#) So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.
 - [13](#) Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

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- Remember to Follow the Redeemer (9-16)
 - 14 For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.
 - 15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.
 - 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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- Do not be led away ...
 - Diverse and strange teachings
 - Such as about marriage (v.4)
 - Ceremonial food
 - Priest's privilege of eating of the meat from the altar (v. 10)

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- it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods,
 - Food of no value when compared to being strengthened by grace
 - Strengthened by the spiritual food of grace
 - Return to the Hebrew system will not be sustained by ceremonial food

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- Romans 14:17-18
 - 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
 - 18 Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.

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- Colossians 2:8-10
 - 8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.
 - 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

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- 1 Timothy 4:1-3
 - 1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, 2 through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, 3 who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

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- which have not benefited those devoted to them.
 - No spiritual benefit

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- We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. (10)
 - The cross is the altar which brings Christians the spiritual privileges of which the Hebrew system was only a shadow.
 - Those observing the sacrifices of the old law have a right to eat of the sacrifices, but do not have the privilege of serving altar of the cross.

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- Isaiah 25:6-9
 - 6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
 - 7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

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- Isaiah 25:6-9
 - 8 He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
 - 9 It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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- Isaiah 25:6-9
 - On this mountain will Jehovah of hosts will make for all peoples ... (v. 6)
 - feasts are occasions for rejoicing
 - the deliverance of a remnant from Babylon was specific to the Jews, but a rejoicing for all nations is coming.

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- Isaiah 25:6-9

—Luke 2:10

- And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

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- Isaiah 25:6-9

- Revelation 19:9

- And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

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- Isaiah 25:6-9
 - He will swallow up on this mountain the covering ...
 - the consequence of sin has been a cloud hanging over all men since the time of Adam.
 - Romans 5:18-19
 - 18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.
 - 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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- Isaiah 25:6-9

—Revelation 21:4

- He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

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- For the bodies of those animals ...
 - Leviticus 4:4-12
 - 4 He shall bring the bull to the entrance of the tent of meeting before the Lord and lay his hand on the head of the bull and kill the bull before the Lord.
 - 5 And the anointed priest shall take some of the blood of the bull and bring it into the tent of meeting, ...
 - 11 But the skin of the bull and all its flesh, with its head, its legs, its entrails, and its dung—
 - 12 all the rest of the bull—he shall carry outside the camp to a clean place, to the ash heap, and shall burn it up on a fire of wood. On the ash heap it shall be burned up.

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- Jesus also suffered outside the gate ...

—John 19:16b-17

- So they took Jesus, [17](#) and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

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- Jesus also suffered outside the gate...
 - Outside the gate was symbolic of rejection by the Jewish people
 - It could also be symbolic of rejection by God (temporary)
 - “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46)

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- let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.
 - Since Jesus was reproached and rejected by the city
 - Let us go outside the city with Him and bear reproach ourselves

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- For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.
 - Recall Hebrews 11:16
 - they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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- For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.
 - Jerusalem would not endure, and the Hebrew religion would not endure.
 - Pre-millennialism will disagree with me, teaching that Jesus will reign for 1000 years in Jerusalem
 - Physical Jerusalem is not the city promised by God

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- For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.
 - Therefore, forsake physical Jerusalem and the physical law and seek Jesus outside the gates.
 - Hebrews 12:22
 - But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

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- let us continually offer up ...
 - verbal praise, as indicated by “the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name”
 - Involves public worship in song, prayer, praise, preaching, teaching
 - Does not exclude individual worship in daily prayer and praise

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- Do not neglect to do good ...
 - Romans 12:1
 - 1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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- Do not neglect to do good ...
 - Galatians 6:10
 - So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.
 - Hebrews 10:24
 - let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

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- Do not neglect to do good ...
 - James 2:15-16
 - 15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,
 - 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

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- Do not neglect to do good ...
 - Titus 3:14
 - And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.
 - share what you have,
 - such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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- Remember Your Leaders (17-19)
 - [17](#) Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.
 - [18](#) Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.
 - [19](#) I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

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- Obey your leaders and submit ...
 - Hebrews 13:7 referred to those who spoke the word of God
 - This verse seems to refer to elders (aka shepherds, pastors, bishops, overseers)
 - Those who keep watch over your souls
 - Those who will have to give an account

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- Obey your leaders and submit ...
 - Acts 20:28
 - Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

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- Obey your leaders and submit ...
 - 2 Peter 5:1-3
 - 1 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

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- Let them do this with joy and not with groaning,
–2 John 1:4
 - I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father.

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- Let them do this with joy and not with groaning,
 - Groaning because unsuccessful
 - Groaning because of giving an account of failure

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- that would be of no advantage to you.
 - If a bad account must be given, your soul is in peril
 - Your elders must give an account

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- My editorial comments
 - Many members think the job of elders is to manage the church property
 - Some welcome a visit from the elders for spiritual matters
 - Others do not want such a visit
 - When there is a spiritual problem...
 - People often do not want anyone to know

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- Pray for us ...
 - If the apostle Paul is the author of Hebrews, it would be expected that he would request prayer for himself.
 - we are sure that we have a clear conscience ..
 - In spite of the severe warnings and penalties given throughout the book
 - Acts 24:16
 - So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man.

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- Pray for us ...
 - that I may be restored to you the sooner.
 - Something deterred a visit
 - “You should know that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon.” (13:23)

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• Benedictory Prayer (20-21)

- [20](#) Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
- [21](#) equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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- Now may the God of peace ...
 - Raised Jesus from the dead
 - Jesus is the good Shepherd
 - Jesus established the eternal covenant with His blood
 - May he equip you with everything good that you may do his will ...

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- Now may the God of peace ...
 - Ephesians 4:11-12
 - 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,
 - 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

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- Now may the God of peace ...
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
 - 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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- Now may the God of peace ...
 - 2 Peter 1:3
 - His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

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- Final Greetings (22-25)
 - [22](#) I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly.
 - [23](#) You should know that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon.
 - [24](#) Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who come from Italy send you greetings.
 - [25](#) Grace be with all of you.

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- bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly.
 - An exhortation to perseverance in adhering to the Christian religion amidst all the temptations which existed to apostasy
 - It was brief compared with the importance and difficulty of the subjects of which he had treated

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- Our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon.
 - No other apostle is known to have such a connection to Timothy except Paul.
 - Since there is no record of Timothy having been imprisoned, the idea may be that Timothy has been released from some duty in another location.

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- Our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon.

—2 Timothy 4:9

- “Do your best to come to me soon.”
- Paul was imprisoned when he wrote this to Timothy

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- Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who come from Italy send you greetings.
 - Customary for Paul to salute.
 - Italy might be, specifically, Rome, where Paul would have been.
 - More evidence of Paul's authorship.

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- Grace be with all of you.
 - Another customary salutation by Paul.

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- Closing thoughts
 - Every reader of the Old Testament needs such a guide as this Epistle, written by some one who had an intimate acquaintance from childhood with the Jewish system; who had all the advantages of the most able and faithful instruction, and who was under the influence of inspiration, to make us acquainted with the true nature of those institutions.

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- Closing thoughts
 - Written to show how those institutions were the means of introducing a far more perfect system - the system of the Christian religion.

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- Closing thoughts
 - Written to show why the Hebrew system or religion was to be replaced by the new covenant of Jesus Christ, who is superior in all respects to the servants and functions of the old covenant.