



## HEBREWS CHAPTER 13

### Entertaining Angels

Last week in our study into the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Hebrews we saw a lot of different things as Paul begins to move into the last chapter of his letter to the Pharisees. And we spoke about things like why Paul calls this life a race, and why it's important to run this race that's been set before us with endurance. And we remembered what our Messiah told us in Matthew chapter 24 verse 13 when our own Messiah, with his own breath, and his own tongue, and with his own red letter words told us that it will be the one who endures to the end... that will be the one that will be saved.

And we also saw that there is no question that Yahshua Hamashiach, Jesus our Messiah is indeed the founder and the perfecter of our faith, and that just as we're told in Psalms 110... our Messiah does indeed sit at the right hand of his Father in Heaven, and is right now awaiting his Father to make his enemies his footstool... and we also know through faith, and through watching as we have been commanded to watch... that his Father is about to make his enemies his footstool in front of the whole world... and much sooner than many of us think.

We looked at Psalms 110 in what we know as our "Old Testaments" and we could clearly and unequivocally see our Father in Heaven telling his Son about these things that are going to take place, and that we as his people would offer ourselves to him in holy garments on that day. We saw that our Father in Heaven would on that day shatter kings, on the day of his wrath and that he would execute judgment among the nations, and fill them with corpses.

You know I often time's have to shake my head when I hear so many modern day professing Christians today proclaim about how they just can't wait for his return, and what a joyous event it's going to be almost as they were describing some kind of party or festival, with balloons and confetti. But I tell you the truth my friends... no one is going to be partying on that day. Lets turn to Ezekiel 30:2-3:

*Eze 30:2 "Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: "Wail, 'Alas for the day!"*

*Eze 30:3 For the day is near, the day of the LORD is near; it will be a day of clouds, a time of doom for the nations.*

*Joel 2:1-2:*

*Joe 2:1 Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants*

*of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near,  
Joe 2:2 a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there  
is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor  
will be again after them through the years of all generations.*

This day... is a day that is yet to come my friends... and it's a day that is speeding towards us faster than a speeding bullet. And we know that in the end our Father will drink from the brook by the way... as if to not even break a sweat... and he will hold his head up high... and our Messiah's enemies will indeed... be his footstool.

We took the time to go back and re-visit Galatians 3:27 though 29 and we saw how each and every single believer who would pick up their crosses and follow after him, and who have the understanding of the obedience of faith, and truly understand the biblical definition of the love of God found in 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:3... and would be baptized into the Messiah... have put on the Messiah. And we saw how there is no Jew, nor Gentile, and that there is no free nor slave... there's not even a man and a women in the eye's of our Father in Heaven... for we are all one in the Messiah... and if... we are the Messiah's... then we are Abraham's offspring... and heirs to the promise given to Abraham. Not according to our Denominational charter... and not according to our so called early church fathers, or our Bible commentators, or some PHD holding Doctor, or some Pastor, Priest, Bishop, or Pope... but according to the God breathed scriptures that we hold in our very hands.

Because we are the Messiah's... because we are his, and he is ours... we are indeed the offspring of Abraham, and heirs to the promise of Abraham.

Now I can not tell you how many times that I've heard these so called modern day professing Christians who claim that they know God and claim that they have a monopoly on the things of God and claim that they cast out demons, and claim that they've done many might works in his name... and then turn right around and completely reject the fact that God's people are indeed grafted into the house of Israel, who are God's only chosen people... and have been God's only chosen people through out all of time.

Not once has God called any other people his people, not once has he called any other nation, not once has he called any other nationality, not once has he called any any other people... other than... the house of Israel... to be his his people.

*Jer 32:36 "Now therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence':*

*Jer 32:37 Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety.*

*Jer 32:38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.*

*Eze 37:26 I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore.*

*Eze 37:27 My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*Eze 37:28 Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."*

*Isa 54:12 I will make your pinnacles of agate, your gates of carbuncles, and all your wall of precious stones.*

*Isa 54:13 All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.*

*Isa 54:14 In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.*

*Isa 54:15 If anyone stirs up strife, it is not from me; whoever stirs up strife with you shall fall because of you.*

*Isa 54:16 Behold, I have created the smith who blows the fire of coals and produces a weapon for its purpose. I have also created the ravager to destroy;*

*Isa 54:17 no weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD and their vindication from me, declares the LORD."*

Let those who preach and teach the lie that only they... and their new found Christian church is going to make it into the kingdom of God hear what the scriptures proclaim in Revelation chapter 21:

*Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.*

*Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.*

*Rev 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."*

*Rev 21:5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

Rev 21:6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

Rev 21:7 **The one who conquers** will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Rev 21:8 But as for the **cowardly**, the **faithless**, the **detestable**, as for **murderers**, the **sexually immoral**, **sorcerers**, **idolaters**, and all **liars**, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is **the second death**."

Rev 21:9 Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you **the Bride, the wife of the Lamb**."

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city **Jerusalem coming down out of heaven** from God,

Rev 21:11 having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

Rev 21:12 It had a great, high wall, with **twelve gates**, and at the gates **twelve angels**, and on the gates **the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel** were inscribed—

Rev 21:13 on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

Rev 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were **the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb**.

Who is it that speaks blasphemy against the most high God? What wicked man would preach and teach replacement theology? What wolf in sheep's clothing would dare separate the followers of our Messiah from his bride shown to us in Revelation 21:9, and all through out the scriptures? May the hand of the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob smite you like a fly on the back of a burrow.

Rev 21:8 But as for the **cowardly**, the **faithless**, the **detestable**, as for **murderers**, the **sexually immoral**, **sorcerers**, **idolaters**, **and all liars... and all liars...** their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is **the second death**."

Today these same liars will vomit their black oil all over the would be followers of our Messiah, but tomorrow their debt will become due... and these liars will be thrown into the pit in front of the House of Israel, and they will finally be heard from... no more.

And as we ventured through the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Hebrews we remembered what our Messiah endured at the hands of sinners so that we might not grow weary or fainthearted. Knowing that in our struggles we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our blood. And we remembered how important that it is to endure our Fathers discipline... because it is through his discipline that the fruit of righteousness comes from those who have been trained by his discipline.

We saw how important it is to strive for peace with everyone, and to seek to obtain holiness,

with out which we can not enter the coming kingdom. And we were reminded of how God hated Esau who sold his very birthright for a single bowl of soup. Esau who was rejected, and found no chance to repent... even though he sought it with tears, and a heavy heart.

We saw how we in our generation have been enlightened and how our generation now knows and understands the mystery of the Gospel. We know who the Son of Yahovah is, and we know what he came to bring and how important that it is for anyone who wants the free gift of salvation that he offers... to pick up their crosses and to follow him. Past generations before our Messiah had no idea who the Messiah would be, or what gifts that he would bring, our how he would possibly be able to break the chains of sin that had bound the lost sheep of the house of Israel for so many generations.

They had no idea that the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob loved them so much... that he just simply could not let his bride go. When she was at her end... when she was lost and destitute... when she was broken and ready to be swept away with the dust of the earth... he came to her just like Hosea came to Gomar. And if you've never read the book of Hosea I would highly suggest taking the time to open it up and read it... because it reveals to us the heart of our Father in Heaven in a much deeper and profound way than words could ever describe.

And not only could the house of Israel come through that door of salvation... but so too could the nations of the world come and be made one with the Messiah and be grafted into the house of Israel... even the gentiles could once again be grafted into his bride, and be made the offspring of Abraham... and not only the offspring of Abraham but heirs of the promise of Abraham... children... and the sons and daughters of the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.

Of course those of us who read our Bibles already know that Gentiles were being grafted into the House of Israel clear back in Exodus. All we have to do is to go read Exodus 12:48-49:

*Exo 12:48 If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.*

*Exo 12:49 There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you."*

Numbers 15:14-16:

*Num 15:14 And if a stranger is sojourning with you, or anyone is living permanently among you, and he wishes to offer a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to the LORD, he shall do as you do.*

*Num 15:15 For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations. You and the sojourner shall*

*be alike before the LORD.*

*Num 15:16 One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you."*

Didn't they teach you that in Sunday school? They didn't !!?? Wonder why?

And so now we are ready... to move into the 13<sup>th</sup> and final chapter... of the book of Hebrews:

*Heb 13:1 Let brotherly love continue.*

*Heb 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*

*Heb 13:3 Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.*

*Heb 13:4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.*

*Heb 13:5 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."*

*Heb 13:6 So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"*

*Heb 13:7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.*

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

*Heb 13:9 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.*

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

*Heb 13:11 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.*

*Heb 13:12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.*

*Heb 13:13 Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.*

*Heb 13:14 For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.*

*Heb 13:15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.*

*Heb 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

*Heb 13:17 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.*

*Heb 13:18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.*

*Heb 13:19 I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.*

*Heb 13:20 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,*

*Heb 13:21 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.*

*Heb 13:22 I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly.*

*Heb 13:23 You should know that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon.*

*Heb 13:24 Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who come from Italy send you greetings.*

*Heb 13:25 Grace be with all of you.*

Now that we've read the whole chapter so that we can understand the proper context of the chapter lets go back over what we've just read and lets see what we may have missed at first glance. Hebrews 13:1-3:

*Heb 13:1 Let brotherly love continue.*

*Heb 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*

*Heb 13:3 Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.*

These first three lines are more than just a little interesting. Let brotherly love continue... in other words no matter what else is going on in the world, don't let these things hinder the love that you have for your brother... oh... and by the way... Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Don't you just love how he throws that that in there? Don't neglect to show hospitality to strangers because by doing so, some have entertained angels unaware. Have you come across an angel in your life time? And don't say your granddaughter... because that doesn't count.

So according to our scriptures... angels are mingled in among us. We have no idea who we're standing next to in line at the grocery store. Which means... that we have no idea who it is that's pan handling in the street asking us for our generosity. We have no idea who that homeless person is that we just passed on the street who needs a blanket. We have no idea who it is standing at the door of the grocery store ringing that bell for the Salvation Army. We have no idea who it is that's broken down on the side of the road and needs a helping hand. For some of us... that might be a frightening thought. To think that we just refused to help an Angle sent from God to test us... is to think about how that's going to go over with our Father in Heaven.

Remember those who are in prison... those who are trapped in sick beds... those who's freedom has been taken. How easy is it for us to get caught up in our own lives and in our own circumstances, and in our own situations and soap operas, that we simply forget those who are in need? How easy is it?

Hebrews 13:4-7

*Heb 13:4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.*

*Heb 13:5 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."*

*Heb 13:6 So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"*

*Heb 13:7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.*

Let marriage be held in honor among all. Mark 10:6-9:

**Mar 10:6** *But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'*

**Mar 10:7** *'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife,*

**Mar 10:8** *and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh.*

**Mar 10:9** *What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."*

Once you are married my friends... you are one flesh in the eye's of God. What therefore God has joined together... let no man separate. It is never God's will for a marriage to be broken and anyone who tells you any different is a liar. Mark 10:2-5:

**Mar 10:2** *And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"*

**Mar 10:3** *He answered them, "What did Moses command you?"*

**Mar 10:4** *They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away."*

**Mar 10:5** *And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment."*

Now... under certain circumstances when one is a believer and the other is not a believer... it is acceptable for them to separate. But if both believe... then there is no excuse for a marriage to be broken. Today marriage is nothing more than a handshake... not so in our Fathers eyes.

*"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."* How many times have people separated over money? I can not tell you how many times I have seen over and over and over again a marriage end up in divorce over the love of money. Some people get married for money. Some people get divorced so that they can have more money... someone else s money... of course. These things are all outside of the will of our Father in Heaven.

Be content with what you have. How many of us are content with what we have? How many of us spend all of our time dreaming about having more stuff. A new house... a new car... a new table, a new hat, a new purse, a new this or a new that? How many of us are content with what we have? How many of us are thankful... for what we've been given? We're not even thankful for what we have.. and we're already reaching into the gimme pot wanting more.

God knows what we need... and he knows what we want. He knows what we need before we even ask him for it. Think about these things. We should take the time to be thankful for what we've got because the truth is my friends... none of us have to look very far to find someone who has less. Not one of us has to look very far to find someone who's getting along with far less than what we have been given.

Hebrews 13:8-15:

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

*Heb 13:9 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.*

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*Heb 13:15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.*

I can not tell you my friends how many times I have heard today's modern day denominational charters of men proclaiming that our Messiah or his Father change through out time. Whole denominational charters, and church empires have been built on the idea of God and his only begotten Son, changing through out different dispensations of time. They will bald faced lie to you and proclaim that our Messiah and his Father change through out different dispensations of time. I can assure you my friends... he does not. Man changes. Man drifts between the lines. Man swerves and sways back and forth and all over the road my friends but God does not change... he is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, and so too is his only begotten Son the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

God cared about his commandments, his feast days, his appointments, and his precepts in the beginning... And God cares about them today... and he will reinstitute them again tomorrow when man is done trampling all over them.

Acts 3:19-21:

*Act 3:19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,*

*Act 3:20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,*

*Act 3:21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.*

God... nor his Son... change my friends. Man... is who has done the changing. But our Father in Heaven will indeed... bring him back. And I dare say that when man gets to where he's going... and when man comes to with in inches of annihilating himself to the point of extinction... and when man see's what the end result of his ways are... he will come running back into the Fathers arms, and will never again think to wonder off. *Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.* Let us bear the reproach that our Messiah endured, and let us put on the full armor of God so that we can stand in the evil day, and let us pick up our crosses and follow him because with out him... we have nothing. The scriptures tell us that if he had not come that no flesh would be left alive... but for the elects sake... he would shorten those days. And you can find that in Matthew 24:22.

Look at what the world has my friends. Look at what they think they have. Look at what they hold fast to, and what they think is their treasure. They fight for their empire of dirt. They fight for their self righteousness, and they fight for their vanity, and they fight for their chosen gender, and they fight for their right to be homosexuals, and they fight for their skin color, and they fight for their ideals, and they fight for their bank accounts, and they fight for their right to change the gender of a 4 year old child on an opporatingtable. They fight for their new cars, and their golden jewelry, and their diamonds and pearls... They fight for an empire of dirt.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cor 4:17-18:

*2Co 4:17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,*

*2Co 4:18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*

Moving forward to Hebrews 12:16-21:

*Heb 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

*Heb 13:17 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.*

*Heb 13:18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.*

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is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Doing good and sharing what we have are sacrifices that are pleasing to God. Obeying our leaders and submitting to those who are keeping watch over our souls is important to our Father in Heaven because these leaders will have to give and account to the Father for our souls. So let our leaders give an account over us with joy and not with groaning because if we grieve those who are looking out over our souls... this will be of no advantage to us.

So in other words if you are learning from someone, and that person is taking the time to try and teach you the truth... do the truth! Do the truth so that you don't grieve the one who is investing their time and effort in you. And at the same time I want us all to remember... that just because we learn something from someone... this does not mean that we are not to test what we have learned. We are to test the fruits of every spirit, and if a man or a woman is sharing the Gospel message with you make sure that they themselves are doing the Gospel message themselves.

Once again my friends... truth comes from no man. Truth comes from no Pastor, Priest, Bishop, or Pope that does not have the Ruach Hakodesh of God. Because it is from the Ruach and the Ruach alone that we receive the truth. The Holy Spirit of God is our teacher, and if we're not learning from that spirit then we're learning from the wrong spirit. So just a word to the wise... please... test everything through the fire of prayer... always. Because if we're all praying to the same Father and to the same Son, and if we're all getting our knowledge from the same Ruach Hakodesh... and we're all being lead by the same Messiah... then we can't help but come together... and come together we will.

And so... with all of that ground being covered... we now finally bring the book of Hebrews to a close.

And so I now ask you my friends... Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Yahshua Hamashaich Jesus our Messiah, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may need to do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Yahshua Hamashiach, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

