

sermon notes

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July 9, 2023 | “Long Obedience in the Same Direction” | **Hebrews 13:9-16**

For a Christian, long obedience in the same direction means...

- 1) Staying faithful to _____
(13:9-11)

- 2) Bearing the _____ of _____
(13:12-14)

- 3) Offering up _____ of _____
(13:15)

- 4) Offering up _____ of _____
(13:16)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Hebrews 13:9-11. What were the diverse and strange teachings the author of Hebrews was warning about? How were these teachings related to dietary matters? What diverse and strange teachings (in opposition to Christian doctrine) proliferate in our day?

Read Hebrews 13:12-16. What “city that is to come” do we, as Christians, seek? Should Christians ignore the needs of our present city? Should we expect people in our present city and our present world to love and appreciate us as Christians? Why or why not?

Explain the expression, “long obedience in the same direction.” What does this look like for a Christian? To whom and to what are we called to be obedient? What role does the Bible play in a Christian’s obedience? What role does praise of God (13:15) play? What role does generosity (13:16) play?

GET PERSONAL

What is the connection between food and false teaching in Hebrews 13:9-11? What role did food play in OT faith? What role (if any) does food play in your Christian walk? How does “food legalism” and other kinds of legalism sabotage our faith in Christ?

How do you, as a Christian, continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God? Do your lips acknowledge his name? How do you offer up sacrifices of goodness and generosity? Why are these sacrifices pleasing to God?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

The author of Hebrews says, “Do not neglect to do good and share what you have” (13:16)? How can you share the good things that God has given you with others? How might this be an outworking of Hebrews 13:1-2 and the statements about hospitality (φιλοξενία) and brotherly love (φιλαδελφία)?

ADVANCED QUESTION

In Hebrews 13:10, the author says that we have an altar. What altar is he talking about? Why do those who serve the tent have no right to eat it? Who are those who serve the tent? How does this passage relate typologically to the prominent Day of Atonement ceremony detailed in Leviticus 16?