

Hebrews

Hebrews 13:9 – Words of Wisdom - Part 2

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I. Words of Wisdom

A. **Hebrews 13:7-14** . . . Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. [8] Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. [9] Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited. [10] We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. [11] For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned outside the camp. [12] Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. [13] So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. [14] For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.

B. Prayer

II. Words of Wisdom – Avoid varied and strange teachings!

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1. Do not be carried away – separated from the truth . . .

a. **Galatians 5:1-6** . . . It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. [2] Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you. [3] And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. [4] You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. [5] For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness. [6] For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

b. **II Corinthians 5:17** . . . Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

2. Strange teachings – teaching that promises to bring us closer to God, make us friends of God, bring Christ into us, give us eternal life, make us secure in God, grant us the giftings of God, and satisfy us with the bountiful blessings of God in this life – all through means that only affect our outward man but cannot and do not affect our inner being. What we take in through the mouth or put on our bodies or deny our bodies or any other thing that only touches our outward being does not and cannot change our inward being. Why? Because we can do any or all such things without producing or improving purity of heart, a good conscience, and a godly life.
 - a. **I Corinthians 8:8** . . . But food will not commend us to God; we are neither the worse if we do not eat, nor the better if we do eat.
 - b. **I Corinthians 6:13-15** . . . Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, but God will do away with both of them. Yet the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. [14] Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power. [15] Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be!
 - c. **Romans 14:17** . . . for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
 - d. **Mark 7:14-16** . . . After He called the crowd to Him again, He began saying to them, "Listen to Me, all of you, and understand: [15] there is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man. [16] ["If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."]
3. What does change us within and then without? Faith in God's empowerment, His indwelling Holy Spirit, the continued practical application of the scriptures, earnest prayer, the denial of self, daily preparation, perseverance, the church, humility, and continued holy living.
 - a. **Ephesians 4:11-16** . . . And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, [12] for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

[13] until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. [14] As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; [15] but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, [16] from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

- b. **II Peter 1:2-11** . . . Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; [3] seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. [4] For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. [5] Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, [6] and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, [7] and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. [8] For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. [10] Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; [11] for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.
- c. **Hebrews 4:14-16** . . . Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. [15] For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without

sin. [16] Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

B. Conclusion