



Mustard Seed Sunday School Summary for 29 June 2008

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“Jesus Is Forever”

MEMORY VERSE:

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8).

SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT: (Hebrews 13:1-16)

- 1** Let brotherly love continue.
- 2** Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
- 3** Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.
- 4** Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.
- 5** Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
- 6** So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.
- 7** Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.
- 8** Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.
- 9** Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.
- 10** We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.
- 11** For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.
- 12** Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.
- 13** Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.
- 14** For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.
- 15** By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.
- 16** But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach the children that Jesus lives forever and never changes.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. We can trust Jesus. He is always the same; He never changes.
2. God wants us to love others.
3. We should choose to obey Jesus with thanksgiving in everything.

PLANNING LESSON AIDS:

For Telling the Lesson, make a large circle out of blue poster board. Write "Jesus Is Forever" around the circle's edge.

For Helping to Remember, bring paper plates and wide-tipped markers or crayons. You will also need copies of the Lesson Review and Word Search activities for each student.

LESSON BACKGROUND:

Time: about A.D. 67 (before the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70).

Recipients: Jewish Christians.

Our studies in Hebrews in previous lessons have presented us with images of Christ. This week's lesson from the last chapter of Hebrews (Hebrews 13) is a practical handbook for living the Christian life under the lordship of Christ, the eternal God. The letter to the Hebrews ends with specific exhortations that are tied to the central theme of Christ as eternal God.

From Hebrews, we have learned many things about Jesus. He is the Son of God. He prays for us, and He forgives our sin. Jesus is our leader, showing us how to run the race of life. Jesus is forever and always the same. We can, therefore, trust Him and live obediently for Him.

TEACHER'S NOTES / TELLING THE LESSON:**1. What does it mean that Jesus is forever?**

Use the circle prepared as a visual aid to help illustrate the point the "Jesus is forever." Jesus is God and has always existed and will never die. Display the circle. Run your hand around and around the edge. Where does this circle begin? Where does it end? Show the students that the circle goes on and on without starting or stopping. Like the circle, Jesus has no beginning (He has always been). Jesus has no end (He will never die). He is forever.

2. How does the writer of Hebrews say we should treat others? (Hebrews 13:1-4)

The Hebrew readers are instructed to continue in brotherly love. We are to love our Christian brothers and sisters. This also includes hospitality to strangers or those outside our own Christian community. We should also show empathy to prisoners and those who suffer ill treatment; especially those who are persecuted because of their ministry of the Word of God.

The writer of Hebrews also addresses how those that are married should treat each other. God tells us that there should be a special love that a husband and wife keep for each other.

3. What should be our attitude toward material things? (Hebrews 13:5-6)

We should be content with whatever God gives us. We should not be jealous of things other people have. God gives us what is best for us. Our way of life should, therefore, be without covetousness (which is being jealous and wanting what others have).

The readers of Hebrews were counseled to cultivate contentment and trust God, who is the provider and protector (13:6).

4. How does scripture say we should treat Christian leaders? (Hebrews 13:7)

The Hebrew readers were urged to remember their faithful leaders and follow their examples. As believers, we have many models to encourage our faith and life. But none are more influential than those we know personally – the pastor of our church and other church leaders who have been living examples for us.

We should remember these leaders and the godly direction and example that they have given. Because they speak the Word of God and are examples of faith, we should imitate their faith or follow their example.

5. What are some sacrifices we can offer to God that are pleasing? (Hebrews 13:15-16)

Old Testament practices required the priests to sacrifice animals for sin offerings. These animal sacrifices are no longer required, but as Christians we should still bring glory to God. One way is to praise Him and to thank God for all the good things He gives us. We should look for opportunities to help others. God is pleased when we do good.

God delights in our words of thanks, but He looks for evidences that we are truly thankful. Those who are thankful for what they have will also do good to others. All these sacrifices find their source and focus in Christ, who lives forever and never changes.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

The word "Christian" means to be like Christ. As we learn about Jesus, we should become more like Him. Think about Jesus. He left all the beauty and riches of heaven to come to earth. Jesus did not worry about food or clothes. He was beaten and mocked. Then Jesus died for our sins. He was content to do what God the Father wanted Him to do.

If children tease us because we love Jesus, we should not be afraid. Jesus is with us. We can always trust Him. Jesus will always help those who obey Him. We should obey parents and listen to the pastor. Always obey God and do not listen to people who tell you things that are not in the Bible.

We should always bring glory to God. Look for opportunities to help others. Help by carrying a package. Play with your brother or sister. Share what is yours. Talk to others about Jesus. God is pleased when you do good things. We can always depend on Jesus. He never changes.

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Give each child a plate. Tell them to write "Jesus Is Forever" around the edge. Then they can draw pictures showing what they have learned about Jesus from this lesson and/or previous lessons. The circle shape (with no beginning and no end) should remind the students that Jesus has always been and that He will live forever.

Also included at the end of this summary is a lesson review and word search (with key words from the lesson text).

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Jesus is God. He has always lived, and He will live forever. Jesus never changes. He is the same right now as He was yesterday. He will always be the same. We can trust Him.

Unlike human leaders from generation to generation, who may only live on in the memory of the people, Jesus is forever and will never again die (Revelation 1:18). He will never change. Though He has fulfilled a succession of roles in God's plan, He is really the same from eternity to eternity. Therefore, He is always available, trustworthy, and worthy to be praised!

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK'S LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "Jesus Taught with Power" and begins a study of the images of Christ in the Gospels, focusing on who Jesus is by studying what He did on earth. Read Luke 4:31-37; 20:1-8.

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LESSON REVIEW
"Jesus Is Forever"
(Hebrews 13:1-16)

1. We should let _____ continue. (Hebrews 13:1)

2. _____ is honourable (Hebrews 13:4) so there is a special love that a husband and wife should have for each other.

3. Be _____ with the things we have. (Hebrews 13:5)

4. Jesus Christ is the same _____, and today and _____. (Hebrews 13:8)

5. What kind of doctrines should we avoid? _____ and _____ (Hebrews 13:9)

6. The heart should be established with _____. (Hebrews 13:9)

7. Jesus sanctified the people with his own _____. (Hebrews 13:12)

8. Let us offer the _____ of praise to God continually. (Hebrews 13:15)

9. Give thanks to His name with the _____ of our lips. (Hebrews 13:15)

10. God is well _____ when we do good and tell others about Him. (Hebrews 13:16)

WORD SEARCH
"Jesus Is Forever"
(Hebrews 13:1-16)

Find each of the following words.

DOCTRINES
ALTAR
PRAISE
TODAY

THANKS
GOOD
PLEASED
FOREVER

CONTENT
JESUS
YESTERDAY
SACRIFICE

HELPER
REMEMBER
SAME
FAITH

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