

A Study of the Letter to the Hebrews: Chapters 12 – 13

Sunday, August 8 / Wednesday, August 11

Class Topic and Date: Chapter 12 (Sunday, August 8)

References: Proverbs 13: 1; Proverbs 3: 11 – 12; Exodus 19: 12 – 13; Deuteronomy 9: 19; Haggai 2: 6

- In verse 1, who is included in the “cloud of witnesses” that is referenced, and how should we respond to their influence?
- What is the chastening / discipline referenced in verses 5 – 11, and what is the outcome of our response? (see also Proverbs 3: 11 – 12)
- In verses 16 and 17, describe the reference to Esau and its application within the writer’s message.
- What event is described in verses 18 – 21, and how does the writer apply it to his message? (see also Exodus 19: 12 – 13 and Deuteronomy 9: 19)
- In verse 22, what is the significance of the reference to Mt. Zion, and what comparison is the writer making?
- What warning is given in verse 25, and what future event is referenced in verse 26? How should we respond? (see also Haggai 2: 6)

Class Topic and Date: Chapter 13 (Wednesday, August 11)

References: Deuteronomy 31: 6; Psalm 118: 6; Leviticus 16: 27; John 10: 11 – 16

- In verses 1 – 9, consider those actions that the writer directs in response to the sacrifice that Jesus made and how to apply them in preparation for the judgment.
- What is the altar referenced in verse 10?
- In verses 12 – 13, explain the reference to Christ suffering “outside the gate / camp,” and the response the writer directs from us. (see also Leviticus 16: 27)
- How does the writer describe Jesus in verse 20?
- What exhortation and comments does the writer provide in his closing remarks, and how does the conclusion resemble that of an actual letter?