

# THE BOOK OF HEBREWS



## 16. Remember and Guard

### Introduction

When we write a letter, we begin by addressing the person or people we are writing to, and then close with a greeting. The Book of Hebrews is a letter written to Jewish Christians, but we are not told whom it is written by. Many believe it was Barnabas, the man who travelled with the Apostle Paul. Unlike Paul's letters though, this letter does not begin by addressing the readers, but it does end the same way as other letters, with things the author wants his readers to remember, a prayer request and a final greeting. In this study we will look at the first part of the closing chapter of the Book.

Scripture Reading:            Hebrews 13:1-17

### 1. Things to Remember

In the first part of this chapter the author reminds these Christians about their attitudes and relationship with others. It is a good reminder to us as well.

- ❖ How are we to demonstrate our love to others according to v1 and v16?
- ❖ One way we are to love others is by entertaining strangers. Often we are cautious about doing that. How does v2 encourage us? Can you think of anyone in the Word of God who has entertained angels without realizing who they were?
- ❖ Another group of people we are to remember are those in prison. What attitude should we have towards them? What can we do to remember them? V3 and Hebrews 10:34
- ❖ What were the believers to learn from the leaders in v7-8? Also see Hebrews 6:12

**Share**

Can you think of a leader who has been a real example in your life? Tell us about that person and what you would like to imitate.

- ❖ Again in v17 it mentions these leaders. What responsibility do leaders have? Why do you think the author says it is a disadvantage to us if we do not obey our leaders? Discuss.

### 2. Areas to Guard

In the verses we have looked at the author reminds us to keep on loving others. He specifically mentions strangers and those in prison. At the same time he warns us to guard certain areas of our lives.

- ❖ The first area we are to guard is marriage. Why is everyone to honour marriage? V4. Malachi 2:14-16
- ❖ The second area we are to guard is our attitude to money. How do the promises that are quoted in v5-6 encourage us to be content with what we have?

- ❖ A third area we are to guard is mentioned in v9-10. What is it? What strange teachings do we need to guard ourselves against today?

**Consider**

In this study we have looked at many different areas of our lives. Which area is God speaking to you about?

### Conclusion

The Book of Hebrews contains some of the most wonderful truths about Jesus as our High Priest. However just knowing these truths is not enough! They need to change our lives and the way we live. This is why the author of the book closes by reminding the readers to live out the things they have learned in their everyday life. We need to do that too.