

GREATER

The Supremacy of Jesus



Hebrews: Worship, Pray, Follow, Lead

- **The church addressed in Hebrews is exhausted and ready to give up daily following Christ**
- **They'd rather do life their way**
- **Where might you be tempted to do this (esp. in relationships)?**

Hebrews 13:15-16

15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. 16 And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

- **Do these things through Christ**
- **You can do these things and turn them into idols**
- **The whole book is about living for Christ because your soul is secure in Christ**
- **Are you worshiping Christ or trusting your ability to be good?**
- **Are you struggling to worship Christ daily because you think you're unworthy?**

- **Continually do these things;**
 - 1. ALL THE TIME**
 - 2. Regularly in the fellowship of believers**
- **When we choose to do life God's way and trust him, faith pleases him**

Hebrews 13:17

17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

- **Now the Holy Spirit is talking about how we respond to leaders**
 - **The author is basing this on following leaders who know they must lead with wisdom and love because they will be held accountable for it by Jesus**
- **When you don't follow godly leadership with joy, you lose**

- **There are some key teachings here about how and who to follow:**
 - 1. There are leaders**
 - 2. Congregants are convinced its best to “give way” to their leaders**
 - 3. Leaders keep watch over your souls**
 - 4. Leaders give an account**
 - 5. Congregants follow with joy & for joy**

Hebrews 13:18-19

18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things. 19 And I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you the sooner.

- **Good leaders are humble and know they need supernatural strength to live this way**
- **Church leaders are flawed men in a broken world, needing Jesus' strength to lead**
- **We must all rely more on prayer than opinion and talent to as we lead and follow**

Pray for us!!