



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Hebrews 13:9-21 Application

1. As followers of Jesus, we can still possibly be misled by “diverse and strange teachings” both within and outside a church; therefore, we pray for the Holy Spirit to help us as we prayerfully read and study the Bible. We can also talk to a Bible teacher we have come to respect as a sincere follower of Jesus Christ and ask for guidance, suggestions, and wisdom.
2. Our physical and spiritual heart can be strengthened by the Word of God who created us. Our physical heart helps us live, work, and serve others day-by-day. Our spiritual heart helps us make good decisions as followers of Jesus Christ, who gives us the strength and wisdom to obey Him.
3. Before and after Jesus died on the cross and after He rose again, He set apart His followers from the world so they could serve God in holiness and truth. We know that all of His followers will suffer reproach from the world. We need to expect reproach and not be surprised when those of this world refuse to live in holiness and truth and seek to hurt us.
4. No matter what our situation we can always praise God and acknowledge our love for Jesus with our lips when appropriate or at least within our hearts. We can always do good and pray for others and ourselves in silent prayer, and if we have nothing else, when given the opportunity, we can always share the fruit of the Holy Spirit with others.
5. Christian leaders and teachers will give an account to God for what they say and do, and followers of Jesus need to obey them when their teaching and way of life is consistent with what the Bible teaches and the leading of the Holy Spirit. We must avoid being misled by “diverse and strange teachings,” and good shepherds can help us avoid being misled.

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