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Sacrifices Pleasing to God

HEBREWS 13:1-25



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Outline of Hebrews 13

Verses 1-6: Moral Imperatives

Verses 7-19: Religious Imperatives

Verses 20-21: Benediction

Verses 22-25: Final Greetings



Preeminence of Love

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.

Hebrews 13:1 NIV



"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:35 NIV



Importance of Hospitality

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2 NIV



Remember the Persecuted

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Hebrews 13:3 NIV



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And perishing they (Christians) were additionally made into sports: they were killed by dogs by having the hides of beasts attached to them, or they were nailed to crosses or set aflame, and, when the daylight passed away, they were used as nighttime lamps. Nero gave his own gardens for this spectacle and performed a circus game...

Tacitus (55-117 AD)



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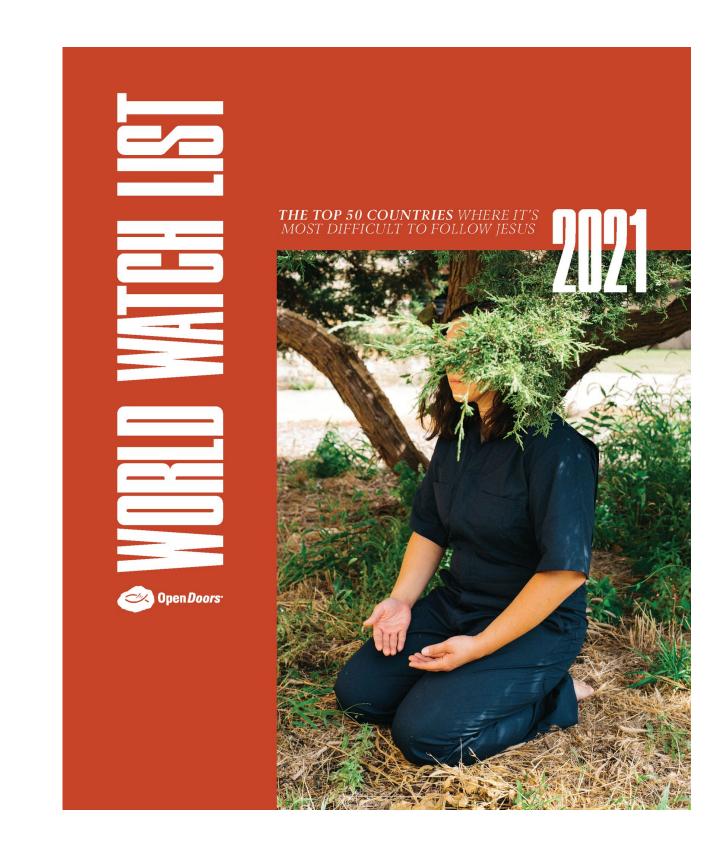
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Opendoorsusa.org/worldwatchlist

Top 50 Countries where it is most difficult to follows Jesus.



Sanctity of Marriage

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

Hebrews 13:4 NIV



Benefit and Security of Contentment

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

Hebrews 13:5-6 NIV



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He who has God, and everything, has no more than he who has God alone.

C.S. Lewis



Honoring God's Spoken Word Through Leaders

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:7-8 NIV



Avoid Strange Teachings

Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so.

Hebrews 13:9 NIV



Identify with Christ

We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat. ¹¹ The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. ¹² And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. ¹³ Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴ For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

Hebrews 13:10-14 NIV



"The bull and the goat for the sin offerings, whose blood was brought into the Most Holy Place to make atonement, must be taken outside the camp; their hides, flesh and offal are to be burned up."

Leviticus 16:27 NIV



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Lifestyle Worship: A Biblical Perspective

Romans 12:1, Hebrews 13:15-16



Sanctification 1 Corinthians 5:9-11

A progressive work of God that **sets apart** or separates us unto God in position (passive) and condition (active), from that which is unholy (whether people or things).



Three Aspects of Sanctification

Positional

Experiential

Ultimate



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Ultimate

Set apart by:

the blood of Christ (Salvation)



Positional

Experiential

Ultimate

Set apart by:

Glorification (Heaven)



Positional

Experiential

Ultimate

Set apart by:

Yieldedness to God

Victory over sin

Growth in Christian maturity



Four Sacrifices of a Believer Priest:

Positional

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Body - Romans 12:1

Experiential

Praise - Hebrews 13:15 (personal and corporate)

Ultimate

Service - Hebrews 13:16

Stewardship - Hebrews 13:16



Four Sacrifices of the Believer Priest

1. The Body

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1 NIV



Four Sacrifices of the Believer Priest

2. Praise, Service, Stewardship

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:15-16 NIV



The **experiential** aspect of **sanctification**, when lived out in the life of the believer, is the expression of **Lifestyle Worship**.



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Worship: "Giving God the best He has given you."

J. Oswald Sanders



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Worship: "The ultimate expression of one's relationship with Christ."

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Honor Church Leadership Authority

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Hebrews 13:17 NIV



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Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you.

1 Thessalonians 5:12 NIV



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The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

1 Timothy 5:17 NIV



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Hebrews 13:17 NIV



Pray!

Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. ¹⁹ I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

Hebrews 13:18-19 NIV



Benediction

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21 NIV



Final Greetings

Brothers and sisters, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for in fact I have written to you quite briefly. ²³ I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you. ²⁴ Greet all your leaders and all the Lord's people. Those from Italy send you their greetings. ²⁵ Grace be with you all. Hebrews 13:22-25 NIV

