

Hebrews: Pursuing the Highest Pleasure

“Christmas Gifts I Can Give to God”

Hebrews 13:1-25 – December 25, 2005

Overview of Hebrews

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| SUPERIOR PERSON | Hebrews 1:1-3 | Pursuing the Highest Pleasure | Aug 21 |
| | Hebrews 1:4-14 | All About Angels | Aug 28 |
| | Hebrews 13:2 | What the Bible Says About Natural Disasters | Sept 4 |
| | Hebrews 2:1-4 | Once Saved, Always Saved? | Sept 11 |
| | Hebrews 2:5-18 | Dealing with Shame | Sept 18 |
| | Hebrews 3:1-4:13 | Dealing with Distractions/Restlessness | Sept 25 |
| | Hebrews 4:14-5:10 | Dealing with Unanswered Prayers | Oct 2 |
| | Hebrews 11:5-6 | Rachel’s Challenge: A Modern Day Enoch | Oct 9 |
| | Hebrews 5:11-6:12 | Dealing with Immaturity | Oct 16 |
| | Hebrews 6:13-7:28 | Dealing with Distance from God (1) | Oct 30 |
| SUPERIOR WORK | Hebrews 8:1-13 | Dealing with Distance from God (2) | Nov 6 |
| | Hebrews 9:1-28 | We’re Getting a New Sanctuary! | Oct 23 |
| | Hebrews 10:1-18 | Dealing with Sin in My Life | Nov 13 |
| OUR RESPONSE | Hebrews 10:19-39 | Dealing with Joylessness | Nov 20 |
| | Hebrews 12:1-3 | Dealing with Hindrances | Nov 27 |
| | Hebrews 12:4-13 | Dealing with God’s Discipline | Dec 4 |
| | Hebrews 12:14-29 | Our God is a Consuming Fire | Dec 11 |
| | Hebrews 13:4 | Sex in Marriage | Dec 18 |
| | Hebrews 13:1-25 | Christmas Gifts I Can Give to God | Dec 25 |

The Three Gifts of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12)

1. Gold – a gift for a **King** _____
2. Frankincense – a gift for a **Priest** _____
3. Myrrh – a King and a Priest who would die

Christmas According to the Book of Hebrews (1:1-3; 6:20-7:3)

1. Jesus is the perfect King who sacrificed Himself (1:1-4:13)
 - a. Superior to all the angels (1:4-2:18)
 - b. Superior to Moses and Joshua (3:1-4:13)
2. Jesus is the perfect Priest who sacrificed Himself (4:14-10:18)
 - a. Superior Priesthood (4:14-7:28)
 - b. Superior Covenant (8:1-13)
 - c. Superior Sanctuary (9:1-28)
 - d. Superior Sacrifice (10:1-18)
3. How will we respond to this King-Priest? (10:19-13:25)
 - a. Draw near to God (10:19-39)
 - b. Live a life of faith (11:1-40)
 - c. Run with perseverance amidst hardship and discipline (12:1-29)
 - d. Eleven more ways to respond to Him (13:1-25)

Three Gifts I Want To Give the King-Priest Jesus from Hebrews 13:1-25 – The gold, frankincense, and myrrh that I want to give Jesus for Christmas are...

- Love on someone in my own **church body** _____ (v.1)
- Help someone I don’t know (v.2)
- Minister to someone in **prison** _____ (v.3)
- Honor God in my marriage (v.4)
- Be **content** _____ with what I have – trusting God financially (vv.5-6)
- Pray for my spiritual leaders and follow their leadership (vv.7,17-19)
- Rest in the **immutability** _____ of Christ (v.8)
- Give up being **legalistic** _____ (vv.9-10)
- Be willing to bear disgrace like Christ did (vv.11-14)
- Give God a sacrifice of **praise** _____ (v.15)
- Do something for someone else that costs me something (v.16)

My Letter to God on Christmas Day 2005