SACRIFICES THAT PLEASE GOD

Hebrews 13:1–25

Key Verses: 13:15,16

1. What does the author tell them and us to do? (1–3) What do the words “keep on” and “as brothers and sisters” imply? What is “hospitality,” and why might we “forget” to show it? To what story does the author seem to be referring? (Ge18:1–8) What does the teaching in verse 3 require of us?
2. What does it mean to “honor marriage,” and why should we? (4) What other temptation should we avoid, and how can we? (5,6) Who are our “leaders,” and how should we respond to them? (7) What does the author remind us about Jesus, and why? (8)
3. What other warning does the author give? (9) How can our hearts “be strengthened by grace”? What special privilege do believers in Jesus have? (10) What did the high priest do with the blood and bodies of animals? (11) How did Jesus fulfill this? (12) What should we do? (13) How can we? (14)
4. Read verses 15,16. What are the sacrifices that please God? What other wrong sacrifices might the readers (and we) be trying to make? How can we continually praise God, and why should we? (15) Why should we not only be praising God but also doing good and sharing?
5. How else does the author tell us to treat our leaders? (17) What personal requests does the author make? (18,19) Read verses 20,21. What can we learn here about God, about Jesus, and about how we can serve him? What can we learn from his final greetings? (22–25)