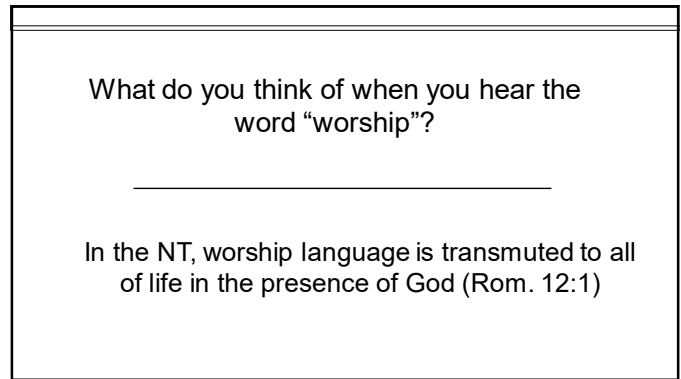
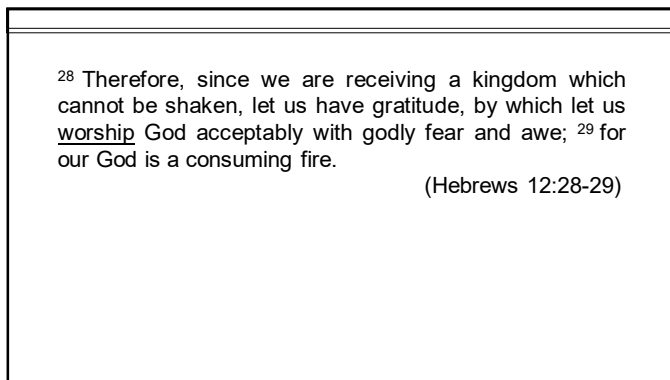




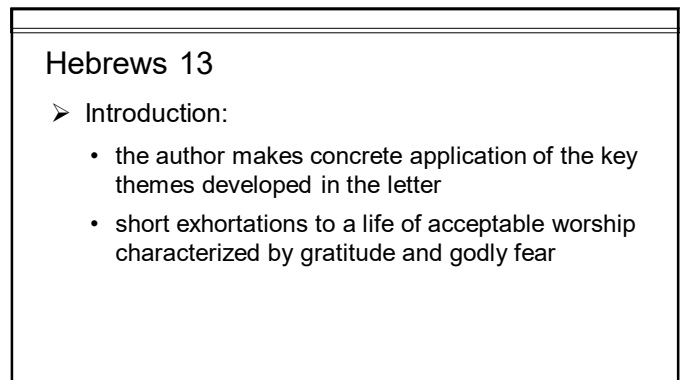
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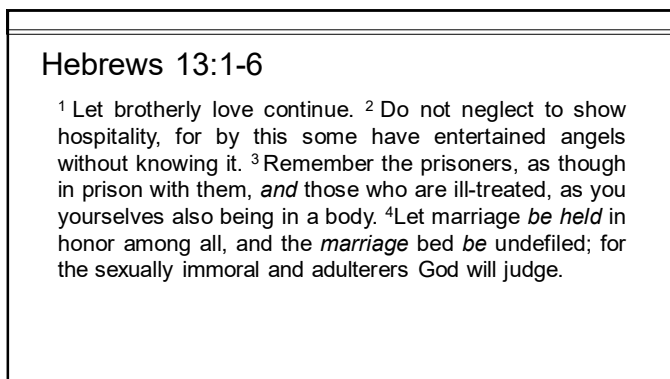
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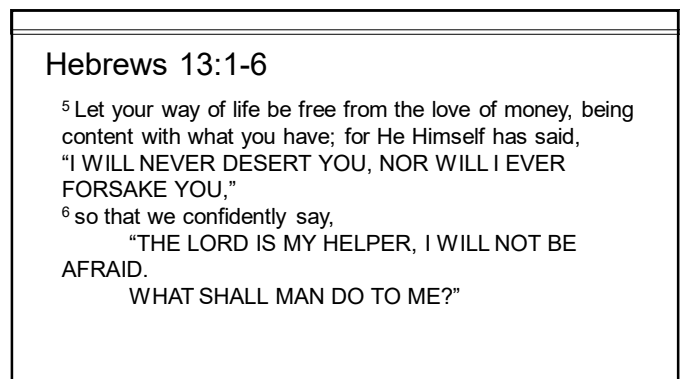
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Community Life of Love

1. Love of Brothers (*philadelphia*)

- this is the natural affection and mutual support that characterizes family members (cf. 1 Pet. 1:22-23; 1 John 5:1)
- perseverance in faith includes an ongoing love for the brethren (cf. 1 John 3:14)

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2. Love of Strangers (*philoxenia*) – “hospitality”

- love extends to the whole people of God and includes generous sharing of what we have
- hospitality often results in unexpected blessing and rewards

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3. Love of Sufferers

- we must remember (call to mind, pray for, aid) the brethren who are suffering persecution
- knowing that we also are subject to bodily abuse and suffering (like the incarnate Jesus)

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³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; ³⁶ naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You *something* to drink? ³⁸ And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? ³⁹ When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ ⁴⁰ The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even* the least of *them*, you did it to Me.’ (Matthew 25:34-40)

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