

# Treasure Hunt

## Heb 13:7-9

- Caitlin: What principle do shepherds teach us about how to care for a flock?
- Why should we consider “the end of [the] conversation” of a leader?
- Elijah: Which of the other NT titles for leaders (elder, pastor, bishop) fit 13:7?
- What does 13:8 have to do with the example of elders who have passed on?
- Kyria: What are two characteristics of false teaching?
- Michael: Give an example of “embroidering” a biblical truth from the gospels.
- Ben: Which characteristic of false teaching marks Islam and Mormonism?
- Nate: What apostle stumbled over being preoccupied with “meats” (food)?
- How does preoccupation with meats interfere with brotherly love?
- How does a focus on grace help me love my brother?

# Structure of Hebrews

## 10:32-13:25

10:32-13:25, The Life of the Sons of God

10:32-12:17, **Past** Witnesses

10:32-39, Example & Exhortation

- 32-34, Example
- 35-39, Exhortation

11:1-40, Examples (indicative)

12:1-17, Exhortation (imperative)

12:18-29, Warning

13:1-25, **Current** Examples

- 1-8, in Conduct
- 9-17, in Worship
- 18-25, in Fellowship

7, 17, 24 them that have the rule over you



Van and Anita Parunak, Shepherd in Wilderness of Judaea, 1974-1975

John 10:2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and **leadeth** them out. 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, **he goeth before them**, and the sheep **follow** him: for they know his voice.

1 Pet 5:3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being **ensamples** to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

# References on 13:7

who have spoken unto you the word of God

Joh 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye **love** one another; as I have loved you, that ye also **love** one another.

Matt 22:35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love** the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. [Deut 6:5]. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt **love** thy neighbour as thyself [Lev 19:18]. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

considering the end of their conversation.

Gal 5:7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

2Tim. 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have **finished** my course, I have **kept** the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Heb 3:6 But Christ [was faithful] as a son over his own house; whose house are we, **if we hold fast** the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope **firm unto the end**.

# Diverse (Complicated) Doctrines

diverse ποικίλος G4164: many-colored ← Hebrew “embroidered”

Judg. 5:30 Have they not sped? have they not divided the prey; to every man a damsel or two; to Sisera a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needlework, of **divers colours** of needlework on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoil?



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Embroidery#/media/File:17.17-37-1969-Kaukasisk-broderi.jpg>

Scripture	Tradition
Ex 23:19 Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.	No meat and dairy at the same meal
Ex. 20:10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work,	No healing (John 5; Mark 3) No plucking grain (Luke 6)
Ex. 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother:	Corban (Mark 7)



diverse ... doctrines

Gen. 30:32 ... all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and of such shall be my hire. ... 39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, **speckled**, and spotted.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacob\\_sheep#/media/File:Jacob\\_Ram\\_at\\_Royal\\_Show.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacob_sheep#/media/File:Jacob_Ram_at_Royal_Show.jpg)

# Novelty in 13:9a

strange doctrines

Is. 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not **according to this word**, it is because there is no light in them.

Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for **the faith which was once (for all) delivered unto the saints**.

Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the scriptures daily**, whether those things were so.

# References on 13:9b

carried about (away)

Acts 20:30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to **draw away** disciples after them.

with grace

Gal 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

not with meats

Rom 14:1 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. 2 For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, **eateth herbs**.

Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in **meat**, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

1Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; ... 3 Forbidding to marry, and **commanding to abstain from meats**,

Impact on brotherly love:

Gal. 2:11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. 12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.