

Series: Hebrews

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Title: Be Not Carried Away

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Hebrews 13: 9: Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines.

A. (v9) BE NOT CARRIED ABOUT—moved here then there, tossed this way then that

Illustration: Leaf carried with the wind. Do not be like an unstable leaf carried about. Why? No root, living connection with the tree. Carried about with wind—carried about with

B. (v9) WITH DIVERS AND STRANGE DOCTRINES

1. Doctrine means teaching—notice here it has an "S" on the end. It is plural--"doctrines." Because it refers to man-made teachings.

Someone pointed out that God's doctrine is one--singular--single--it all ends in Christ--that is what we were told about those who God sends to preach--consider the "end"--the single, one, end of their conversation--Jesus Christ the same.

Ephesians 4: 4: *There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6: One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

- God's teaching is one teaching--"THE faith"
- "So great salvation--which at first began to be spoken by Christ Jesus the Lord

John 7: 16: Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. 17: If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself. 18: He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

2 John 1: 9: Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

Romans 16:17: Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

(v9) When we read of "doctrines"--plural--it speaks of man's doctrines--man has invented many teachings.

C. TWO DESCRIPTIONS OF MAN'S TEACHINGS:

1. (v9) "Divers" means there are a variety of man-made teachings—

Illustration: The pack of snacks mom brings home with all different kinds of goodies in it is called a—variety pack. It has all various flavors, colors, for whatever appeals to your taste at the moment. Those are divers snacks. Man has invented a variety of teachings concerning God, man and salvation which will appeal to whatever is your taste at the moment.

2. (v9) "Strange" means they are not taught by God, they are not in the word of God, they are not in agreement with the person and work of Christ Jesus and they are foreign to the teaching that salvation is by grace—

Illustration: if you were lost and your father sent someone to teach you the way to get home to him that would be the true doctrine. But someone else comes along teaching a way which would carry you about from the way your father taught you. The false teaching would be strange because it did not agree with the teaching or doctrine of your father.

Example: The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God taught:

John 10:11: I am the good shepherd:

- I Am—he is God with us—the great I AM; some teach that Jesus was not God--strange doctrine.
- The Good—there is none good but God, with men there is none that doeth good and sinneth not—except this one—who knew no sin—the lamb of God without spot and blemish—he had to be so to be fit to present himself to God as the substitute; some teach that all men have a spark of goodness in us to be able to come to Christ, some say that after conversion we are good enough to live above sin. Strange to the word of God.
- The Shepherd—there is only one shepherd—the LORD said through his prophets; some preach that Jesus can not be the shepherd without the help of the sheep, they are constantly speaking about the sheep instead of the shepherd. It makes men think that without them Christ can not teach, lead, guide, direct, govern. If I focus on your actions it is speaking of ourselves--and not the glory of him who sent me. Strange.
- One God, One Good, One Savior—Christ Jesus the Son of God; those other teachings are different, they vary, they are strange to what Christ Jesus teaches. Foreign to God.

John 10: 11:...the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

- Giveth his life—the word “giveth” means he has and does continually give his life-- He gave his life when he agreed with the Father in eternity to lay down his life, He gave his life when he willingly came from heavens glory to where we are to work out salvation for the sheep, He gave his life at Calvary by dying under the fierce wrath of God because without shedding of blood there is no remission of sins, He gives his life to those he

regenerates through the Holy Spirit and they now have eternal life with him, He giveth his life to continually intercede for us as our Advocate with the Father and to keep us because he is God's High Priest for his people. By giving his life--he hath perfected forever, redeemed from all iniquity, purged sin--(find out what he accomplished by giving his life--we shall be saved by his life) Some say his death only made those things possible, brought in a chance--strange doctrine.

- He giveth his life "for the sheep"—he laid down his life for a particular people—Some say that Christ gave his life for everyone--**John 17: 6: I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word...9: I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10: And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them--**he gave his life for everyone but would not pray for everyone? Strange. Some say you become a sheep by believing--scripture says, when we were yet enemies--before we believed him--he gave his life for the sheep. I know my sheep. Their names were written in the Lambs book of life, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world--they have always been his sheep.

Listen carefully:

"Trust Christ Jesus the Lord." That is what we have been taught throughout this Hebrew letter, and in the context now. **Hebrews 13: 5:...for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6: So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.**

1. We are called to remember faithful pastor-teachers.
 - Christ is the one who teaches his pastors the word of God.
 - The Lord is the one who sends his pastors--giving them to us.
 - His pastors speak the word of God—Christ Jesus--in the pulpit and out.**2 Corinthians 5:20: Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.**
2. We are called on to follow the faith of faithful pastors.
 - Christ is the Faith which faithful pastors follow.
 - They do not turn from Christ because Jehovah our Salvation is *their* guide.
3. Therefore Christ is the end of all that faithful pastors teach and do.
 - Christ fully, finally, freely, forever, brings his faithful pastors to himself.
4. Faithful teachers do not change from believing what Christ teaches.
 - The pastor who Christ has sent does not change the word he teaches.
 - The pastor who Jesus Christ has sent does not change the manner of teaching. Why?

- Because the one who continually teaches his pastors of Christ, who gives them faith to believe on Christ, who directs their conversation (their steps, their manners) to glorify Christ, is Jesus Christ himself.
- And what did we learn last time about Jehovah our Salvation?

Hebrews 13: 8: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Those who teach varied teachings which are strange to his word and to his glory are not sent by him--they are false prophets.

Matthew 7:15: Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

1 John 4: 1: Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2: Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

"Confessing that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh" is to preach the one thing Christ taught--it is the doctrine of Christ--Jehovah, Salvation is come. He is Prophet, Priest and King, no man can see the father unless the Son of God reveal him--every other doctrine is anti-christ.

So now you and I are told to do the same as those faithful pastor-teachers which he has given to guide us. Let's read it again. **Hebrews 13: 9: Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines.**

Do not be carried here then there by the variety-pack of teachings which are strange to what God, Christ Jesus the Prophet, teaches.