

Ancient Hospitality Today

*“...distributing to the needs of the saints,
pursuing hospitality.”*

Romans 12:13



What is Hospitality?

Hotel - a place to stay

Hospital - an institution for the care of the sick or injured

Hospice - a program that gives special end of life care

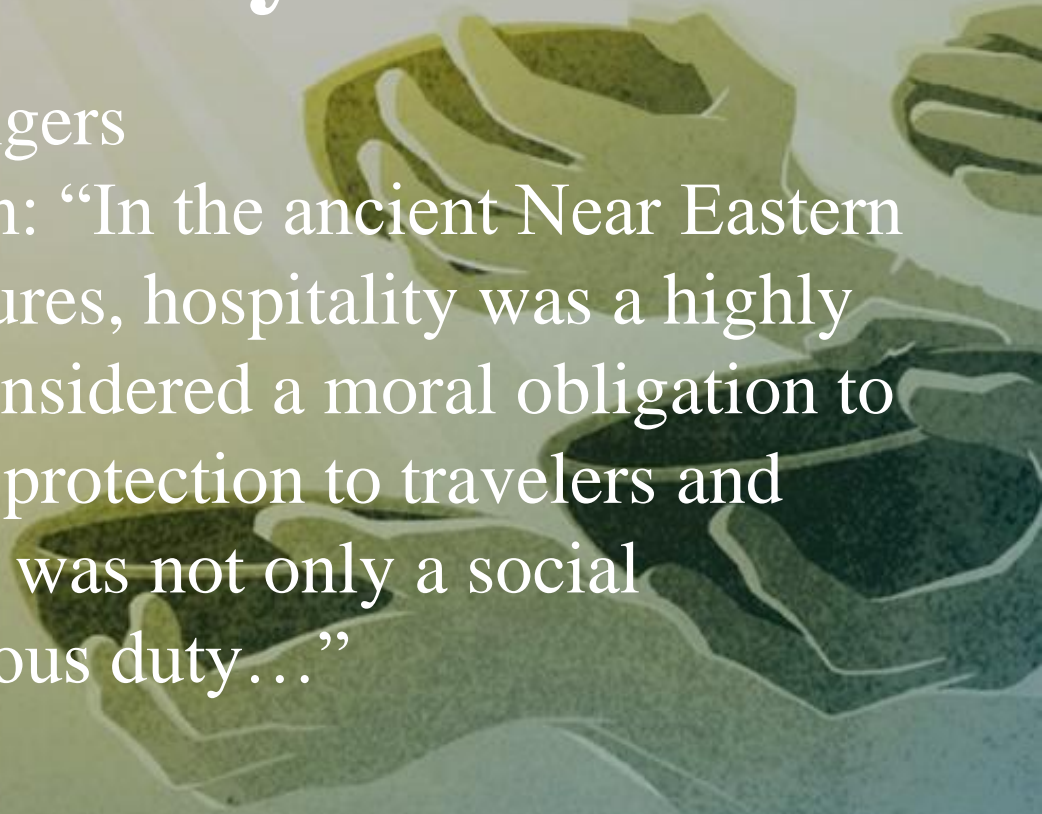
Host - a person who receives other people as guests



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Philoxenia - Love of Strangers

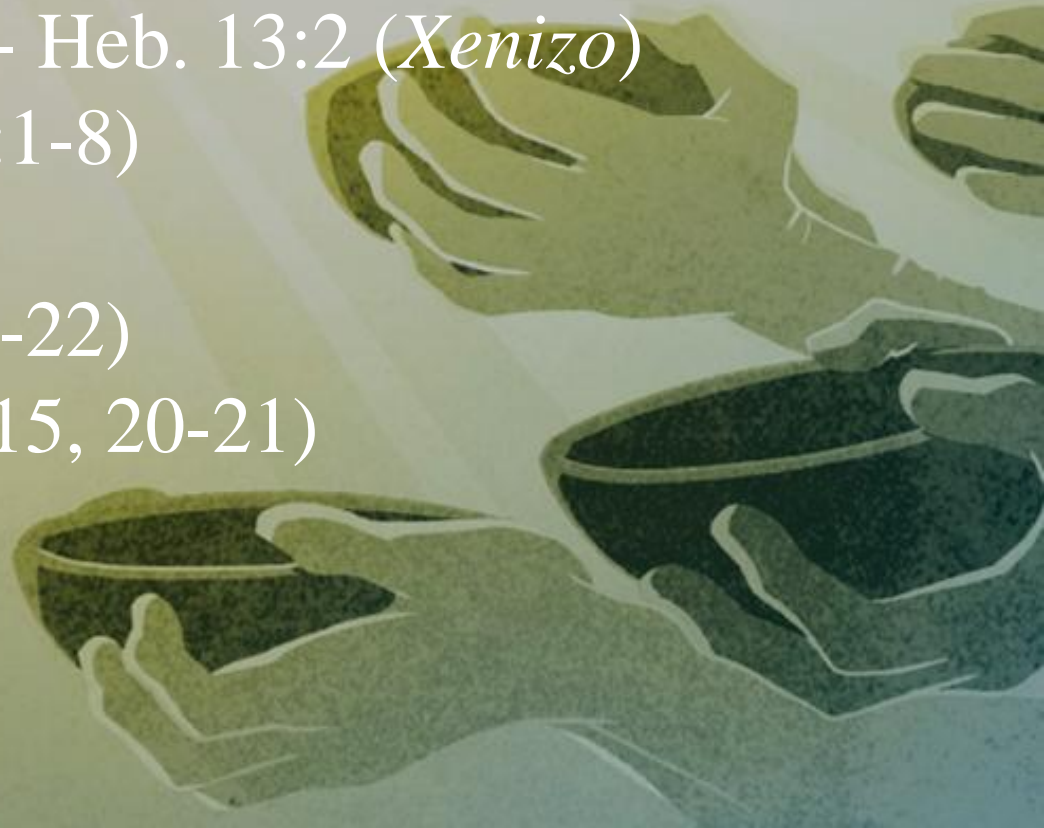
- Strong's Greek Lexicon: "In the ancient Near Eastern and Greco-Roman cultures, hospitality was a highly valued virtue. It was considered a moral obligation to offer shelter, food, and protection to travelers and strangers. This practice was not only a social expectation but a religious duty..."



I. Hospitality in the Old Testament

A. Entertaining Angels - Heb. 13:2 (*Xenizo*)

- Abraham (Gn. 18:1-8)
- Lot (Gn. 19:2-3)
- Gideon (Jdg. 6:17-22)
- Manoah (Jdg. 13:15, 20-21)

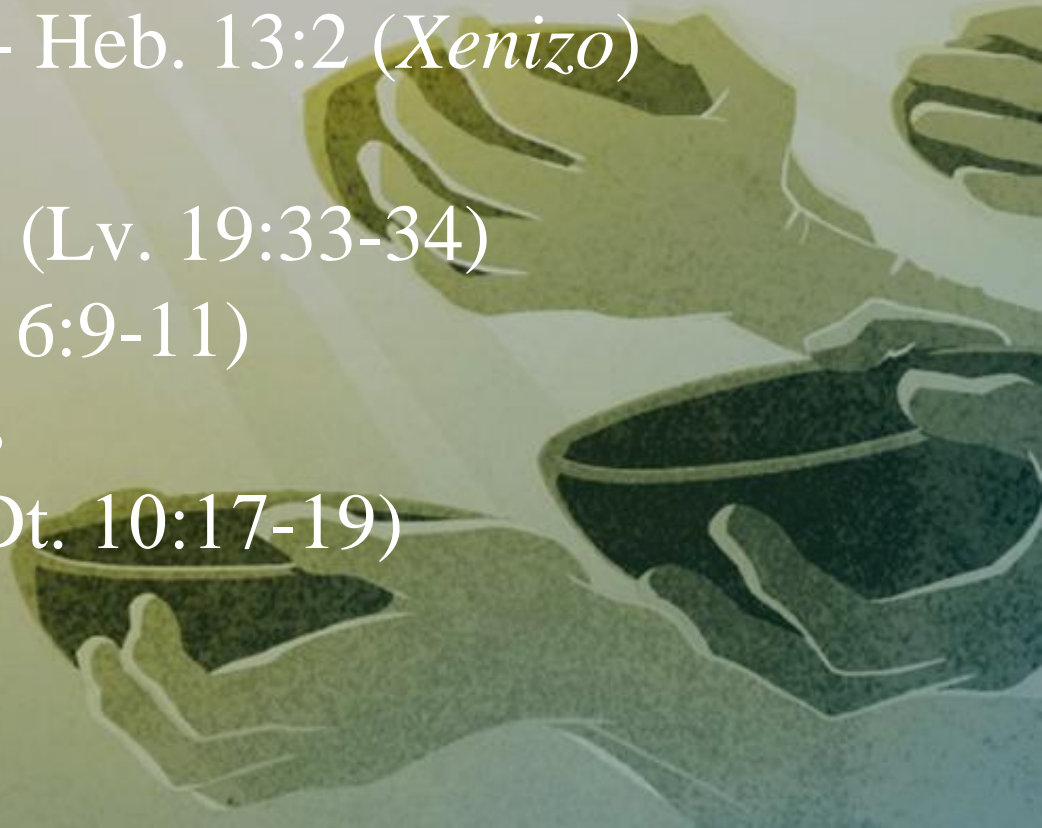


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B. Caring For Strangers

- Protected By Law (Lv. 19:33-34)
 - Parallel (I Cor. 6:9-11)
 - Distinctiveness
- God's Example (Dt. 10:17-19)



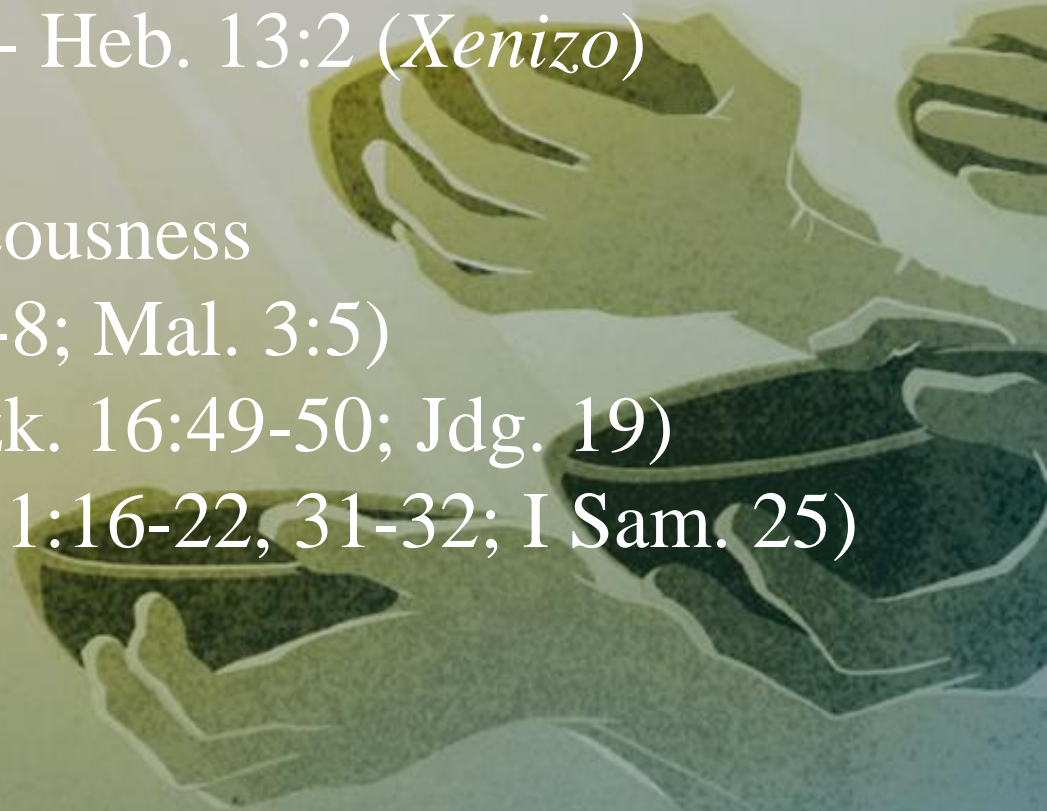
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C. A Measure of Righteousness

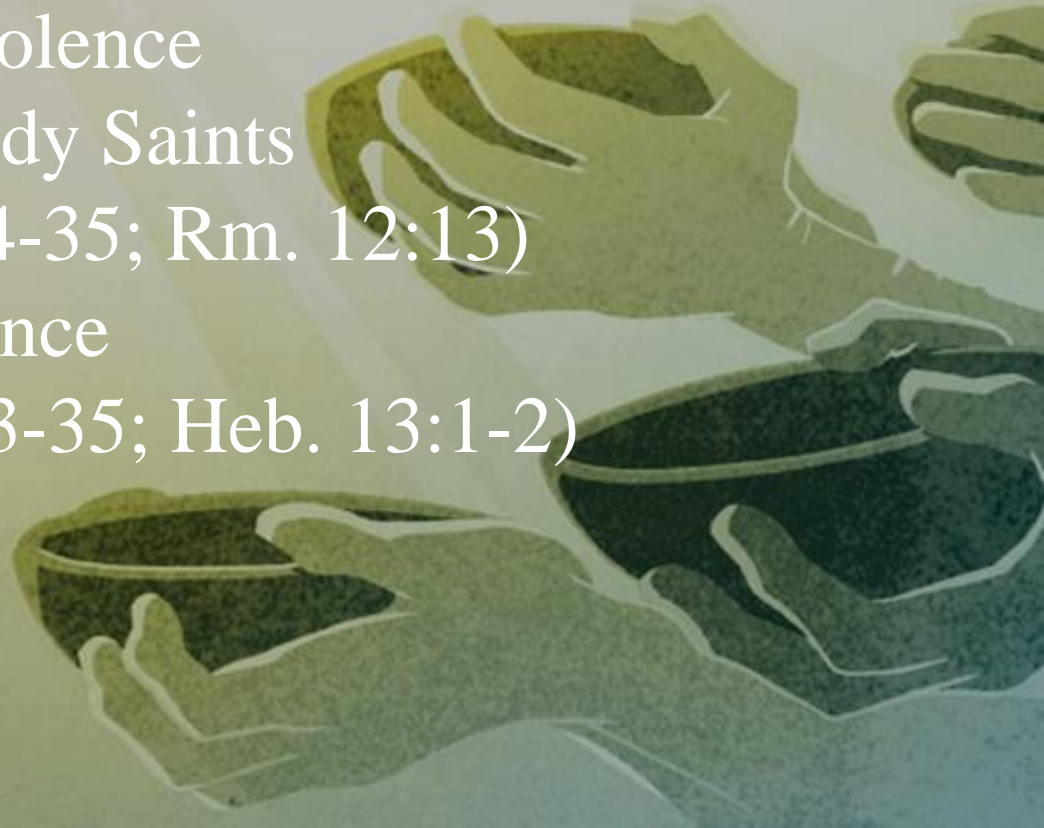
- Nations (Dt. 23:3-8; Mal. 3:5)
- Cities (Gn. 19; Ezk. 16:49-50; Jdg. 19)
- Individuals (Job 31:16-22, 31-32; I Sam. 25)



II. Hospitality in the New Testament

A. Hospitality as Benevolence

- Providing for Needy Saints
(Ac. 2:44-46; 4:34-35; Rm. 12:13)
- General Benevolence
(Gal. 6:10; Lk. 9:3-35; Heb. 13:1-2)



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B. Hospitality as Evangelism

- Eating with Sinners (Lk. 5:27-32)
- Hosting the Evangelist (Ac. 10:24, 27; 16:15, 33-34; 17:6-7; 18:2-3; 21:8)
- Even the Pagans Get It (Ac. 28:2, 7, 10)



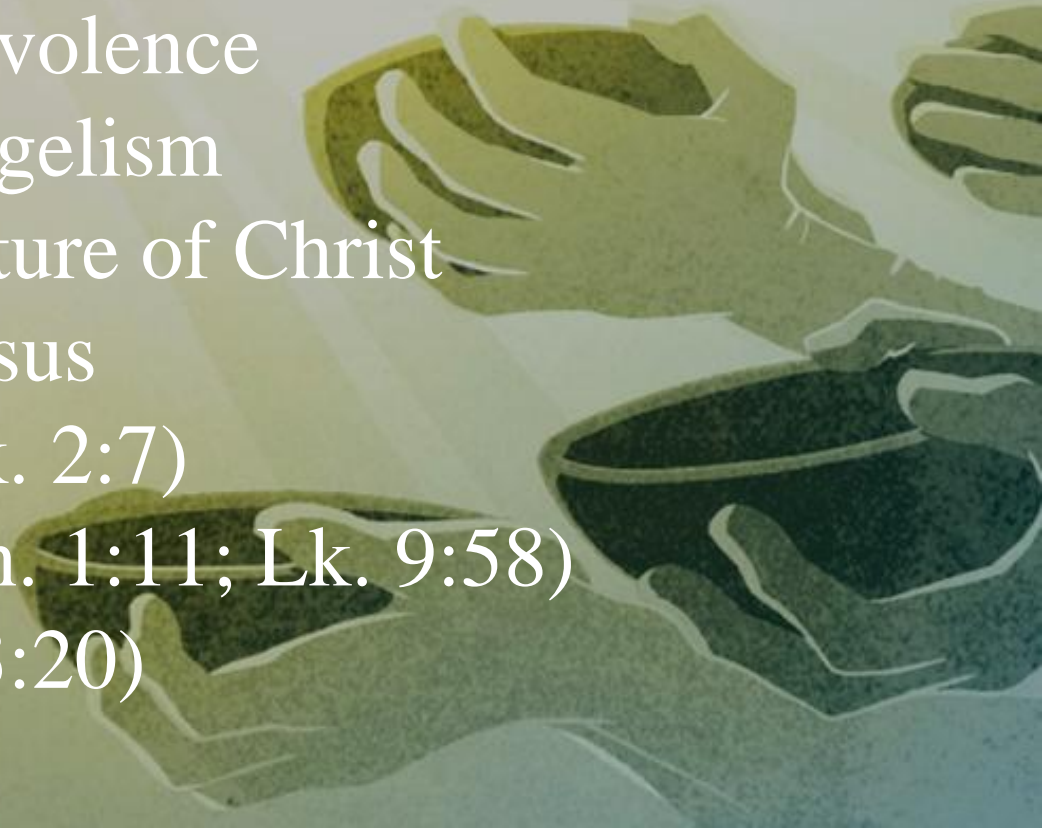
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C. Hospitality as a Picture of Christ

- No Room For Jesus
 - At the Inn (Lk. 2:7)
 - In His Life (Jn. 1:11; Lk. 9:58)
 - Today (Rev. 3:20)



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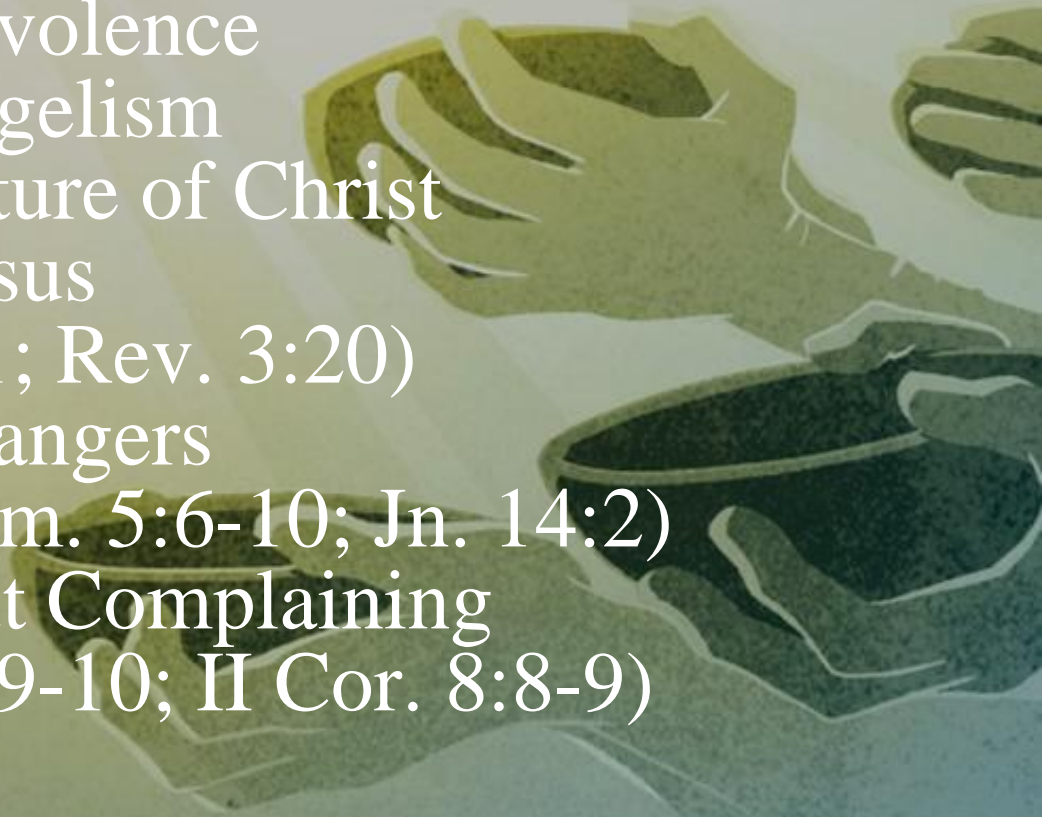
(Lk. 2:7; Jn. 1:11; Rev. 3:20)

- Provided For Strangers

(Eph. 2:12-13; Rm. 5:6-10; Jn. 14:2)

- Sacrifice Without Complaining

(Is. 53:7; I Pe. 4:9-10; II Cor. 8:8-9)



III. Hospitality Today

1. If possible, have money laid aside for the purpose of helping others.
2. You don't have to have a big house to be hospitable.
3. True hospitality isn't about entertaining your friends.
4. We should practice hospitality because of what God has done for us.

