

"LET US CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER..."

Hebrews 10:24

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Paul has exhorted the Hebrews
 - 1) They are to draw near
 - 2) They are to hold fast

- B. Paul continues his exhortation vs 24
 - 1) They are to consider one another
 - 2) They are to provoke one another

- I. They Are To Consider One Another
 - A. "And let us consider one another..." vs 24
 - 1) "consider" = κατανοεω = "to perceive or discern distinctly or clearly; to understand", "to observe"
 - 2) "And let us bestow thought on one another" WEY
"Let us understand one another"

 - B. God's people are to understand one another
 - 1) We are not the same!
 - 2) We come from different backgrounds, we have different problems, different needs.
 - 3) The male, the female, the bond, the free, the Jew the Gentile, the rich, the poor, the healthy, the unhealthy, the Greek, the barbarian.

 - C. This concept as used in other verses
 - 1) *Acts 11:4 Acts 12:12 Acts 15:6*
 - 2) *Luke 12:24 - "consider the ravens..."*
 - 3) *Romans 4:19*
 - 4) *II Timothy 2:7 - "consider what I say"*
 - 5) *Hebrews 3:1 - "...consider the Apostle and..."*

II. They Are To Provoke One Another

A. "...to provoke..." (one another)

- 1) παροξυσμος = paroxysm = "excitement or impulse" also may mean to irritate.
- 2) "comes from a word that means to sharpen by rubbing on anything", "to whet"
- 3) "to incite to love and good works" ABUV
- 4) "as to stimulate one another..."

B. This word is used one other place

- 1) *I Corinthians 13:5* = (love...is not easily provoked...)
- 2) "love does not excite to do evil"
- 3) "love...is not irritable" RSV
- 4) "love...is not touchy" PHI

C. God's people are to "excite" one another

- 1) They are to stimulate one another
- 2) They are to run the risk of irritating one another

III. The Objects Of Provocation

A. "...unto love..."

- 1) αγαπη = "love in its fullest conceivable form"
- 2) We need not fear exciting one another to too much love

B. "...and to good works:"

- 1) "good" = καλος = "beautiful", "genuine", "well-fitted"
- 2) "works" = εργον = "work", "deed", "the thing wrought"
- 3) "in beautiful deeds", "well-fitted actions"