

# Bible Backgrounds: Hospitality

"Distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality." Romans 12:13  
(New King James Version)

Hospitality can make a \_\_\_\_\_ in a foreign land feel \_\_\_\_\_.

## Hospitable People From The Beginning

A. Examples of hospitality in the Old Testament:

1. Genesis 18:1-5 - \_\_\_\_\_ welcomed the \_\_\_\_\_ strangers by having them \_\_\_\_\_ while he prepared a \_\_\_\_\_ for them.
  2. Genesis 19:3 - \_\_\_\_\_ did not know the men he invited to stay in his \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Judges 13:15 - Manoah, father of \_\_\_\_\_, showed hospitality to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. Job 31:31,32 - Job told of how he had \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ many in his home.
  5. Exodus 22:21 - \_\_\_\_\_ told Israel not to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ a stranger, for they were \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt.
- B. 2 Kings 4:8-11 - By providing \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ for Elisha, the Shunnamite woman made his work \_\_\_\_\_, and gave him \_\_\_\_\_ in the process.

## Hospitality Encouraged In God's New Covenant

A. The Greek for "hospitality" is *philoxenos*, meaning "\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_".

B. Instances of Christian hospitality:

1. Romans 12:13 - We should be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 3 John 5-9 - Those who \_\_\_\_\_ to evangelize the world needed places to \_\_\_\_\_. Those who \_\_\_\_\_ them were \_\_\_\_\_ for the truth.
3. 1 Timothy 3:2 - \_\_\_\_\_ must be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. 1 Timothy 5:10 - A \_\_\_\_\_ must be hospitable if the \_\_\_\_\_ is to \_\_\_\_\_ her.
5. 1 Peter 4:9 - Be hospitable to one \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Hebrews 13:2 - In \_\_\_\_\_ strangers, some have unknowingly entertained \_\_\_\_\_.

The word \_\_\_\_\_ is from the same concept. Would there have been such places without the influence of \_\_\_\_\_?

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