

WHAT IS THE CAMP?

HEBREWS ix. 1, 10; xiii. 12, 13.

In the last chapter of this epistle, the Spirit of God, speaking of the fact that "the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp," goes on to say, "Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify [set apart] the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate. *Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp*, bearing His reproach," etc.

Many are at a loss to know what is referred to by the term "camp," yet it is very important to understand it, because those who love the Lord Jesus Christ are exhorted to *go forth* from it, unto Him.

In order to learn this, we should first of all find out to whom the epistle was primarily and specially addressed, and with God's blessing it will soon be made plain.

The epistle to the Hebrews was written to professedly converted Jews, who had been born and trained up under the law given by God to Israel at Mount Sinai, when they were *in camp* in the wilderness, where- and when, a system of worship was ordained of God for this nation that was perfect in its place, but which did not suppose or require that the worshippers should be born again, and under which system Israel as a nation utterly failed.