

Reorienting and Saying Goodbye... Hebrews 13: 20-25

“Having requested prayer from them, the writer now prays for them. The benediction summarizes all that has been said. God has provided everything necessary for our spiritual well-being through the atoning work of Christ. The covenant He inaugurated is eternal.” New Spirit Filled Life Bible Commentary

Closing Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21

Peace - May the God of Peace

- **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

Power - Who brought Jesus up from the dead

- **Romans 8:11** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Protection - The Great Shepherd

- **John 10:11** I am the Good Shepherd. The good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep
- **John 10:14** I am the Good Shepherd and I know My sheep and am known by My own
- **1 Peter 5:4** and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

Point of Access – Through the blood of Jesus

- **Hebrews 10:19-22** Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith

Productivity - Make you complete

- **Philippians 1:6** being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ

Pleasure - Working in you what is well pleasing in His sight

- **Philippians 2:12-13** Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Process – Through Jesus

- **Romans 5:1** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

Praise – Forever and ever

- **Psalm 145:3** TPT Lord, you are great and worthy of the highest praise! For there is no end to the discovery of the greatness that surrounds you.

Great Benedictions

Numbers 6:24-26 The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Psalm 90:7 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

Psalm 115:14-15 May the Lord give you increase more and more, you and your children. May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Acts 20:32 So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Romans 15:5-6 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 16:25-27 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith— to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 6:24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

2 Thessalonians 3:5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all.

1 Peter 5:10-11 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Jude 24-25 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

Revelation 1:4-6 Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

“Marvelous people, these ancient Hebrew Christians. We have read and thought much about them. We have been stimulated by their courage. We have profited from their mistakes. We have learned to love them in the Lord. For they were real people, and even now they live with Christ. One day we shall meet them and be able to tell them how immensely we enjoyed reading the letter that was originally addressed to them.” David Gooding Commentary

Homework – Bearing with the word of exhortation

1. What hit your heart?
2. What spoke to you? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
3. What is different in your understanding of God? – Intellectually and experientially
4. How have you changed? – Not necessarily behavior. More importantly, your relationship with Jesus
5. Reflect not on where you are falling short, but where is Jesus shining?