

May the God of Peace Be With You

Hebrews 13:20–25

The importance of benedictions:

1. An Appeal to Listen

Hebrews 13:22–25

2. A Prayer of Benediction

Hebrews 13:20–21

I urge you to endure the urging to be fully equipped.

ECC Group Questions

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1. Who in your life has been as close to you as a brother or sister?
How would you describe that relationship?

Read Hebrews 13:20–25

2. What does it mean that God is “a God of peace”?
How might this be an encouragement to those who were suffering for their faith?
How is it an encouragement to you?
3. Why does the writer of Hebrews insert the word “eternal” in the phrase “blood of the eternal covenant” in verse 20?
What is his point of contrast? (Read 9:23–28)
Why would this matter to people today?
4. Jesus is described as “the great shepherd of the sheep.” As one of Jesus’ sheep, describe how he is “shepherding” you in your life and faith?
5. What are the two things the writer prays that God would accomplish with his readers?
Read Philippians 2:12–13 and Ephesians 2:10
How do you see God working during your current season of life?
What could you do to allow God to work more thoroughly in you?

Reflect:

6. How do you typically respond to exhortation?
When was the last time you exhorted a fellow believer?
7. What is the most significant thing you’ve learned from studying Hebrews?
How has this helped transform your life?
8. Pray the writer’s benediction (verses 20–21; see below), inserting names of specific people in the place of the word “you” in the text.

Memory Verse—Hebrews 13:20–21

**Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good that you may do his will,
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.**