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Hebrews 13:18-25

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¹⁸ Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things. ¹⁹ And I urge *you* all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you the sooner.

²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep by the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, ²¹ equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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²² But I urge you, brethren, bear with this word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. ²³ Take notice that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom, if he comes soon, I will see you. ²⁴ Greet all of your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.

²⁵ Grace be with you all.

(Hebrews 13:18-25)

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Hebrews: A Sermon-Letter

- the author carefully crafted these final remarks to reinforce the message of his sermon
- the benediction (v. 20-21), which alludes to many themes of the letter, provides a fitting conclusion to the entire book – ends with doxology!

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Petitioning the God of Peace

1. The Author's Example

- he identifies closely with the need of this church and the life he has been exhorting them to live
- he offers himself as an example of one who is trusting Christ as all-sufficient savior and seeking to please Him in all things

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➤ Application:

- Do you have a good conscience today?
- Pray for your leaders – we need this!

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2. The Author's Benediction

A. Description: God's Work in Christ

- He has secured the way of fellowship (peace) with Him through the high priesthood of Jesus
- He exalted Jesus, our great Shepherd, through the resurrection from the dead

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2. The Author's Benediction

A. Description: God's Work in Christ

- He exalted Jesus on the basis of His sacrificial offering of Himself (His blood), inaugurating the new covenant

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2. The Author's Benediction

B. Content: God's Work in Us

- He equips us with all the good things secured by Christ's high priesthood in order to do His will
- He continually empowers us for this pleasing life of faith as we continually draw near to Him through Christ (cf. Phil. 2:12-13)

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2. The Author's Benediction

C. Goal: God's Work for God's Glory

- from beginning to end all is God's work in Christ – His is the glory alone. Amen!

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