



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Hebrews 13:20-21 (NAS)
Topic: "The Blessing of God's People"
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- 20 Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through 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.

I. HUMAN PRIDE AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY

- A. In The Area Of Physical Strength
- B. In Financial Well-Being *Luke 12:18-20*
- C. In Emotional Stability *Revelation 3:17*

II. TO RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING

- A. We Must Recognize Our Poverty And Neediness
- B. We Must Seek Help From The Lord (Pray)
 - 1. Author recognized his need
 - 2. He also recognized the need of the people to whom he ministered

III. THE SALVATION WE NEED

- A. Peace With God
 - 1. Acknowledge our status as sinners *Romans 8:18*
 - 2. God provides the need peace *II Corinthians 5:19*
- B. He Provides A Great Shepherd

- 1. Jesus calls Himself the Shepherd *John 10:11, 14*
- 2. Jesus' work as our Shepherd *John 10:27-29*
 - a. Eternal Son of God became man *Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:22*
 - b. He died for our sin *Isaiah 53:4-6*
 - c. He fulfilled the eternal covenant with His blood
 - d. His resurrection confirmed God's justice was satisfied

IV. JESUS IS LORD OF ALL

- A. For Some As Judge *Revelation 6:16*
- B. For Others As Savior *I Corinthians 6:2*

V. GOD PROVIDES WHAT WE NEED TO LIVE FOR HIS GLORY

- A. He Equips Us To Do His Will *Romans 8:32; Romans 5:8*
 - 1. Jesus exemplifies this *John 4:34*
 - 2. For us it is a life-long process
 - 3. By the resurrection power
- B. God Does The Equipping *Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 2:12b-13*
- C. Our Daily Goal *II Corinthians 5:9*
- D. It Must All Be Done Through Jesus *Ephesians 1:3-4*