

MAY 28, 2025

HEBREWS 13:20-25 every version! Taken personally!!!

Benediction:

*Vs 20, **Now** may the God of peace [the source of serenity and spiritual well-being] who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood that sealed and ratified the eternal covenant, [Is 55:3; 63:11; Ezek 37:26; Zech 9:11] 21 equip you with every good thing to carry out His will and strengthen you [making you complete and perfect as you ought to be], accomplishing in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. AMP*

Vs. :20 Now may the God who brought us peace by raising from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ so that he would be the Great Shepherd of his flock; and by the power of the blood of the eternal covenant 21 may he work perfection into every part of you giving you all that you need to fulfill your destiny. And may he express through you all that is excellent and pleasing to him through your life-union with Jesus the Anointed One who is to receive all glory forever! Amen! TPT

What exactly is a benediction?

Google says...."A benediction is a formal blessing, often used at the end of a religious service or other ceremony. It can also refer to a specific Catholic religious service involving the exposition of the Eucharist and blessing of the people. The term comes from the Latin words "bene" (good) and "dicere" (to speak), meaning to speak well of someone or to pronounce a blessing. In essence, **a benediction is a declaration of God's favor, protection, and peace upon individuals or a group**, often invoking divine blessings and guidance. It can be a prayer, a short statement, or a ceremony, **and its purpose is to uplift, encourage, and unite individuals in faith.**" Also..."**A benediction is a short, concise blessing from scripture that can be a challenge, an assurance, a promise, or principle to live by.**

Biblical benedictions are confirming, affirming and 'covering' blessings...there are 105 benedictions in the entire Bible!

Exhortation:

*Vs 22... I call on you, brothers and sisters, **listen** [patiently] to this message of exhortation and encouragement, for I have written to you briefly. Amp*

13:22 My dear brothers and sisters, I urge you to let your spirits flow through this message of love TPT

What exactly is exhortation?

In the Bible, **exhortation refers to the act of strongly encouraging or urging someone to do something, often with the goal of promoting spiritual growth or positive change.** It involves speaking to others with the intention of inciting, urging, and encouraging them toward a specific action or course of conduct. **Exhortation can also be seen as a form of counsel, warning, or admonishment, delivered with the intention of helping others make good decisions or maintain a steadfast faith.**

Conclusion:

*Vs 23 **Notice** that our brother Timothy has been released [from prison]. If he comes soon, I will see you [along with him]. 24 Give our greetings to all of your [spiritual] leaders and to all of the saints (God's people). Those [Christians] from Italy send you their greetings. 25 Grace be with you all. Amp*