

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER
(Hebrews 13:18-21)

- I. Prayer REQUIRED (Heb. 13:18-19)
 - A. The IMPERATIVE of prayer
 - 1. It was WARRANTED by their “GOOD CONSCIENCE”
 - 2. It would ASSIST their FAITHFULNESS
 - B. The URGENCY of prayer
 - 1. The need was PERSONAL
 - 2. The need was for SWIFT RESTORATION to THEM
- II. Prayer OFFERED (Heb. 13:20-21)
 - A. Invoking the INTERVENTION of GOD
 - 1. He’s “the God of PEACE” (Rom. 15:33; 16:20; 1 Cor. 14:33; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 4:9; 1 Thess. 5:23)
 - a. Makes peace in our RELATIONSHIP with HIM
 - b. Provides peace in our CONFIDENCE in HIM
 - c. Produces peace in our RELATIONSHIPS among OURSELVES
 - 2. He’s the One who RAISED Jesus from the DEAD

- a. Who is “the GREAT SHEPHERD of the SHEEP” (John 10; 1 Pet. 2:25; cf. Isa. 63:11; Ps. 23; etc.)
 - 1) Reminds us of His TENDER CARE
 - 2) Emphasizes His SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY
- b. Who VALIDATED the ETERNAL covenant through His BLOOD
- c. Who is called “JESUS, our LORD”

B. Identifying their NEEDS

- 1. Only He can “EQUIP YOU”
 - a. In EVERY GOOD thing
 - b. To DO HIS will
- 2. Only He is “WORKING in US”
 - a. Whatever is PLEASING to HIM
 - b. Accomplished “THROUGH JESUS CHRIST”

C. Extolling the SOURCE of our HELP

- 1. All GLORY is HIS
- 2. His glory is ETERNAL
- 3. The benediction is AFFIRMED