



One Last Look – One Final Word Hebrews 13:19-25

Hebrews 13:19-25 (NIV)

I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon. May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Brothers, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written you only a short letter. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you. Greet all your leaders and all God's people. Those from Italy send you their greetings. Grace be with you all.

The three most important themes in Hebrews:

I. The Anticipation of God's Kingdom

Verse 14 – “For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.”

Hebrews 11:13-16 (ESV)

“All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.... they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. God has prepared a city for them.”

II. The Motivation of God's People

Verse 22 – “Brothers, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written you only a short letter.”

III. The Exaltation of God's Son

Verse 20, 21 – “...our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep. ...(to) Jesus be glory forever and ever.”

- His Word is the Final Word
- His Work is the Finished Work

Four Final Reminders:

- We are Effective when we Pray

Verse 19 – “I particularly urge you to pray...”

James 5:16 (NIV)

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

- We are Enriched with His Peace

Verse 20 - “Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus... “

- We are Equipped for Our Purpose

Verse 20, 21 – “May the God of peace, ... equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ...”

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness

- We are Empowered by His Grace

Verse 25 - “Grace be with all of you.”