

CHAPTER 9

HEBREWS—CONCLUSION

IV. CONCLUSION OF HEBREWS, 13:20-25

A. *Benediction, 13:20-21*

v. 20, The God of peace

Pauline expression: 6 other times

And “Lord of peace” in 2 Thess 3:16

Brought from dead

Only clear reference to resurrection of Jesus in Hebrews (except perhaps 5:7, “prayed to the one who could save him from death”)

Great shepherd of the sheep

Cf. Isa 63:11 LXX, Moses is “shepherd of sheep”

Blood of eternal covenant, 10:29

“Our Lord Jesus,” last for emphasis

v. 21, καταρτίσει *katartisai*, lit., “to equip”; “may he equip”

Imperative use of infinitive, used often in Homer

B. *Final message, 13:22-25*

v. 22, Exhortation to heed this “short” epistle

v. 23, Timothy released; author and Timothy to come

v. 24, Greet rulers and all saints

Italians greet you: In Italy? Cf. Acts 10:23; 17:13

Or away from Italy? Cf. Acts 21:27

v. 25, The grace be with you, cf. v. 9