

A BENEDICTION

1. A prayer of blessing
 - a. Why pray?
 - b. We humbly recognise
 - i. Our weakness and sin
 - ii. Many problems are not resolved
 - iii. Many things we seek to do remain unfulfilled
 - iv. We have a long way to go
 - c. Drawn to prayer
 - i. We need God
 - ii. We need His grace and mercy
 - iii. We need His blessing
 - d. Our faith
 - i. God will hear
 - ii. God will answer prayer
2. Who God is
 - a. God of peace

“Now may the God of peace...”

 - i. He is not a God of wrath (cf. Hebrews 3: 11)
 - ii. He is at peace with us
 - b. God of power

“who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead...”

 - i. A reference to God’s power
 - ii. Cf. Ephesians 1: 19 – 20
3. What God can do
 - a. Make you complete
 - i. καταρτιζω (katartizo)
 - ii. Cf. Mark 1: 19 (also Ephesians 4: 12)

- iii. For every good work
- iv. To do His will
- b. Working in you
 - i. God keeps working in us
 - ii. Until we are well pleasing in His sight
- 4. The challenge to respond

“And I appeal to you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation...”

- a. Prayer and response go together
- b. Three significant responses
 - i. Consider Christ (Hebrews 3: 1)
 - ii. Draw near to God (Hebrews 10: 22)
 - iii. Run the race of faith with endurance (Hebrews 12: 1 – 2)

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant”

“Make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Hebrews 13: 20 – 21