



6. Would your leaders have joy or grief over your soul about how you are responding to them, to the teaching of the Word, or to life's ups and downs?
  
7. The author asks for something that every wise leader knows he needs. What is it (verse 18)?
  - a. See Rom. 15:30-33; Eph. 6:19-20; Col. 4:2-4; 2 Thess. 3:1-2; and Heb. 13:18 for some specific ways to apply this command.
  
8. One pastor jokingly stated, "You get what you pray for." Though said with a smile, this statement is absolutely true. Are you faithfully applying this command to pray for your leaders?
  
9. Why would the author would make a statement like he did in verses 18-19?
  - a. Paul made similar statements in his letters. What were some situations he faced when he spoke like that? See Acts 23:1; 2 Cor. 1:12; 1 Tim. 1:5.
  
10. What do you learn about God's character in verse 20? What do you learn from Rom. 15:33; 16:20; 1 Cor. 14:33; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 4:9; 1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Thess. 3:16 about God?

- a. How does understanding this part of God's character help you see His purpose in sending Christ to redeem mankind? See 1 Pet. 1:3-5.
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11. Verses 20-21 are a benediction. What does the author want to impart to his readers in this blessing?
  
  12. Read other benedictions in the Bible: Num. 6:24-26; Acts 20:32; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Thess. 3:11-13; 2 Thess. 3:5; Heb. 13:25; Jude 24-25. Which one is your favorite and why?
  
  13. How can the use of blessings be a potent way to encourage someone?
  
  14. What are some practical ways you can employ the use of blessings to those in your life?
  
  15. What insights do you gain about the author from verse 22?
  
  16. Define *bear with* [Strong's #430].
    - a. Define *exhortation* [Strong's #3874].

17. Why do we need to be reminded *to bear with exhortation*? See 2 Tim. 4:3; Heb. 3:12-13.
  
18. When are you tempted to become impatient with exhortation from the Word? What is the remedy for this impatience?
  
19. After a few more closing remarks, the author of Hebrews finished his letter. What a letter! His words have challenged and changed us. Think about how this book has made an impact on you as you answer the questions that follow.
  - a. What truth or encouragement stands out to you from Chapter 8?
  
  - b. What truth or encouragement stands out to you from Chapter 9?
  
  - c. What truth or encouragement stands out to you from Chapter 10?
  
  - d. What truth or encouragement stands out to you from Chapter 11?
  
  - e. What truth or encouragement stands out to you from Chapter 12?
  
  - f. What truth or encouragement stands out to you from Chapter 13?

20. What encouragement do you have for others who haven't yet studied the book of Hebrews? What do you want them to know?

Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21