

Hebrews 13:18-25: Prayer & Farewell.

I. Review.

i. Jesus is superior to angels:

Hebrews 1:7-9 - And of the angels He says: *“Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire.”* But to the Son He says: *“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.*

ii. Jesus leads His people like Moses .

Do not rebel and lose out on God's gracious offer to enter into a new creation.

Hebrews 3:4-6 - *For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.*

iii. Melchizedek; A priest & a King

Hebrews 7:17 - *For He testifies: “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”*

iv. Sacrifices

Hebrews 10:11-14 - *And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.*

v. Jesus Christ: Focus on Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-2 - *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

II. (18-19) Prayer for us.

1 Timothy 1:18-19 - *This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck,*

The writer to the Hebrews considered it important that others pray for him; the grammar indicates continuous prayer action.

Obstacles prevented the writer from being reunited with his readers. He knew that prayer could remove those obstacles.

Acts 12:51-11 -

2 Thessalonians 3:1 - *Finally, brethren, **pray for us**, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you,*

III. (20-21) Praying for us.

i. To do His will

Psalms 40:6-8 - *Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. Then I said, "Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart."*

Psalms 143:10 - *Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.*

Matthew 6:10 - *Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

Matthew 26:42 - *Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."*

ii. Working in you what is well pleasing

2 Corinthians 5:9 - *Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.*

Philippians 4:18 - *Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.*