

Hebrews 13:20-25

New American Standard Bible 1995

- 1 ²⁰ Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead
2 the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the
3 eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, ²¹ equip you in
4 every good thing to do His will, working in us that which
5 is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be*
6 the glory forever and ever. Amen.
- 7 ²² But I urge you, brethren, bear with this word of
8 exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. ²³ Take
9 notice that our brother Timothy has been released, with
10 whom, if he comes soon, I will see you. ²⁴ Greet all of your
11 leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.
- 12 ²⁵ Grace be with you all.

**Read the passage through completely
before looking at these questions.**

Observation (What does it say?):

Consider the observation questions on the back of this page. What do you notice in this passage?

- What does the passage say about God (the Father)?
- What does the passage say about Jesus?
- What words or ideas repeat themes previously mentioned in Hebrews?
- What words or ideas seem new, not mentioned before in Hebrews?
- What else do you observe in this passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

After observing the passage:

How would you describe this ending of the book of Hebrews?

- The closing of a letter
- The conclusion of a sermon
- The benediction of a service
- Something else
- Why would the writer end like this?
- What questions come to mind as you read?

Application (What does it mean for me?):

- How does this closing passage affect your overall impression of Hebrews?

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Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer's thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose ("in order that...")?
- Are there conclusions ("Therefore...")?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good "headline" for the passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures,
but draw everything from them,
and suffer nothing to remain
hidden that is really in them.
J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)**

For a much more detailed description of the methodology, see

Robert A. Traina, *Methodical Bible Study*. Wilmore, Kentucky: Asbury Theological Seminary, 1952.

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