

Respect in the Life of a Christian

Sermon 57 in the Hebrews Series

Heb. 13:17-25

I. Respect Respectable Christian Leaders v. 17-19, 23-24 1.

A. The Obedience which they are Due

1. Obey them – for they speak with God’s authority.

2. They Watch out for your Soul -- v. 17

B. The Accountability they must Give

The Watchman -- Ezekiel 33

The Steward – Luke 16

C. The Heartache disobedience Brings v. 17c

Jeremiah – the weeping prophet

Isaiah’s unsuccessful ministry – Isaiah 6:8-11a

D. A Passionate plea for Prayer 18a

E. The Exemplary Lifestyle of a Minister v. 18b-19

He must model 1 Tim. 3 and Titus 1

Timothy – released from prison v. 23-24

II. Christ, our Shepherd 13:20-21, 25

A. God of Peace

God of Peace is a Proper Name

As a Benediction -- **Rom 15:33** -- "Now the **God of peace** *be* with you all. Amen."

The God of Peace is a Victorious God -- **Rom 16:20** "*And the **God of peace** shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.*"

The God of Peace is a sanctifying God – **1 Thess. 5:23** "*And the very **God of peace** sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*"

Heb. 13:20 -- The God of Peace is the One who raised Jesus from the dead.

B. The Great Shepherd of the Sheep v. 20

He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

He is a friend of sinners.

C. The Blood of the Everlasting Covenant

The blood is a necessity.

Owen -- "The bare resurrection of Christ from the dead, would not have saved us; for so any other man may be raised by the power of God. But the bringing of Christ from the dead "through the blood of the everlasting covenant" is that which gives assurance of the complete redemption and salvation of the church."

What is the Covenant of Redemption?

It is the eternal agreement between the Father and the Son.

Owen argues it is the Covenant of Grace – which flows from the Covenant of Redemption. It is **the final blood sacrifice** that seals forever the purposes of God. It is the blood of the New Covenant.

D. Our Sanctification