

## JESUS NOW

### **THE PRESENT-DAY MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST**

#### **JN-17 “THE GREAT SHEPHERD: His Grace”**

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**HEB 13:20** “Now may **THE GOD OF PEACE** who brought again from the dead our **LORD JESUS**, **THE GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP**, by the blood of the Eternal Covenant...

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD...** **THE CHIEF SHEPHERD...** **THE GREAT SHEPHERD...**

Our last Sessions presented Jesus as **THE GOOD SHEPHERD**, and **THE CHIEF SHEPHERD**. In this Lesson we will study the Lord Jesus as our **GREAT SHEPHERD** who manifests Himself through us in order to accomplish His work in this Age. This is presented in “2” dimensions: 1) His **Grace** Toward Us; 2) Our **Faith** in Response.

#### **THE GOD OF PEACE**

**HEB 13:20A** “Now may **THE GOD OF PEACE...**”

Reminiscent of the great Benediction of The OT: **NUM 6:24-26**

*“The **LORD** bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup> the **LORD** make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; <sup>26</sup> the **LORD** lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”*

*“The God of Peace”* - Found “5” other times in the **New Testament** (**ROM 15:33; 16:20; 2 COR 13:11; PHIL 4:9; 1 THESS 5:23**)

There are “2” marvelous aspects of that peace.

- **His Divine Tranquility**—the Eternal Rest inherent in the character of God’s being... **God’s very nature is Peace...** True Peace
- **The Shalom He Gives** God’s peace is more than the absence of trouble or conflict; it is more than tranquility. It is **completeness, soundness, welfare, well-being, wholeness.**

**JOHN 14:27** “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

#### **BY THE ETERNAL COVENANT**

**HEB 13:20C** “by the blood of the **Eternal Covenant...**”

The “Peace” God **gives**, and that which we **receive** is directly related to the Eternal Covenant made FOR us by the Blood by which it has been sealed “**once and for all**”

- Our “**Covenant of Salvation**” is not the “**temporal covenant**” made by the blood of sheep, but **by the Blood of JESUS CHRIST**, **THE LAMB OF GOD**
- Over and over, Paul has proved the reality of this **Eternal Covenant...** it is a foundational doctrine of Hebrews
- Therefore, the “**Peace**” we receive is NOT a “**temporal**” but is “**ever-present**” for all who Believe in Jesus Christ...

**HEB 9:14** “...how much more will **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

#### **THE RISEN SHEPHERD**

**HEB 13:20B** “who brought again from the dead our **LORD JESUS**, **THE GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP...**”

As the **GOOD SHEPHERD**, Jesus “**laid-down His Life for the Sheep...**”

As the **GREAT “RISEN” SHEPHERD** His Resurrection is the “**Seal of the Eternal Covenant**” in His Blood!

**ROM 4:25** “...who was delivered up [because of] our **trespasses** and raised [because of] our **justification.**”

As our **Great Risen Shepherd**, his **compassion** and **protection** are mediated from His **unequaled display of power!**

Our **Great Shepherd** is **exalted to the Right Hand of the Father.**

All other “shepherds” fail in comparison to our Lord, Jesus Christ

- 1) **We have the Peace/shalom that comes from God...**
- 2) **We have an unbreakable, immutable eternal Promise...**
- 3) **We have the Great Risen Shepherd’s Care...**

**Next:** “**THE GREAT SHEPHERD: Our Response**”