

JESUS NOW

THE PRESENT-DAY MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST

JN-18 "OUR GREAT SHEPHERD: Our Response"

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HEB 13:20-21 "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... equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

In this Lesson we will study the Lord Jesus as our GREAT SHEPHERD who has equipped us with "everything good" so that *through faith* we may accomplish that which is pleasing to Him. In this way, His *Grace Toward Us* is matched by Our *Faith in Response*.

EQUIP YOU...

HEB 13:21A "equip you with everything good..."

Included in the "Eternal Covenant sealed with the blood of Jesus Christ" is God's promise to "equip us with everything good"

"Equip" - No "1" English word translates this wonderful Greek word: "Equip; perfect; complete; furnish; mend; restore; heal..."

You truly need them all of them to give this word justice.

- **He gives us what we need** —Through our "recreation in Christ Jesus" God has "equipped us" to live to His glory in this life...
- **He helps us apply what has been given** - Through "perfecting... completing... furnishing" He helps us to be able to use His gifts
- **He restores what is missing** —We all come to the Lord broken / wounded / imperfect... He "Restores ... Mends ... Heals... so that we are made able ... and continue to be... **Fishing...**

"Everything good..." — What He gives is of "Divine good" — There is no "fault, weakness, or lack" in what He "works" in us...

We are not sufficient or capable of fulfilling His will in our strength

SO THAT YOU MAY...

HEB 13:21B "[so] ... that you may do his will..."

This "equipping" is necessary... But it also demands our "Response"

- **"[So] That..." Without** His Equipping we "cannot" ... **With** this equipping we "MAY"...
- **"We may..."** This indicates that there is a *possibility / potential*... Notice it is that we "may do" not "will do"
2 COR 1:4 "...who [encourages] us in all our affliction, SO THAT we may be able [dunasthai] to [encourage] those who are in any affliction, with the [encouragement] with which we ourselves are [encouraged] by God."
- He "completes / furnishes / restores / mends" us for the purpose of "accomplishing His will..."
God Not Only WANTS us to do His Will... He gives us the Ability to DO His will...

WORKING IN US...

HEB 13:21C "working [producing] in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever."

As the GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP, it is God who is "working within us" to do accomplish His purposes for our life...

PHIL 2:12-13 "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works [produces] in you, both to will and to work [produce] for His good pleasure."

- God "Equips" us...
- "Works" within us...
- To DO what "Pleases" Him...
- WE must make the decision to "Respond"

Drawing upon our "Faith" in His "Grace"