



Raised Up

Lesson Eleven • Hebrews 13:19-22

Why Did God Send His Son to Die on a Cross, Be Buried, and Then Raise Him from the Dead?

God raised Jesus up from the dead to be a **BLESSING** to all peoples!

Taking Bold Action to Enter into God's Holy Presence as New Covenant Believer-Priests Is a Blessing Made Possible When Jesus Was **RAISED UP!**

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- This is a form of writing called a **BENEDICTION**.
- This is a kind of **PRAYER** that asks God *to bless* His people.
- This is a **CLOSING prayer of benediction** that comes at the end of a sermon or worship service!
- This is a *beautiful* **EASTER blessing** from the God who raised Jesus up from the dead!

Jesus Was Raised Up to Be a Blessing

1. The Blessing Is **ROOTED** in the God Who Wants to Bless Us.

"Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord..." 13:20

Seven Characteristics of the God Who Wants to Bless Us

#1 The God who **RULES** over all wants to bless you!

*"Now may **the God...**"*

Five Facts About God Being a "Big Blessor":

- God is a God who loves to bless **the creation** He has created. *Genesis 1:31*
- God is a God who loves to bless **the people** He has created in His image. *Genesis 1:22, 28*
- God is a God who loves to bless people who have **even rebelled** against Him and His many blessings. *Genesis 9:1*
- God is a God who loves to bless people from every **people group**: *every tribe, language, people group, and nation*. *Genesis 12:2-3; Matthew 28:19-20*
- God is a God whose **heart's desire** is to redeem a people out of this old sin-cursed creation in order to bless them in His New Creation! *Revelation 22:7, 14*

#2 The God who **RECONCILES** His enemies wants to bless you!

*"Now may **the God of peace**"*

The God of Peace Has Made Every Possible Provision for Reconciliation

*"purification for sins" (1:3)
"propitiation of sins" (2:17)
"sacrifices for sins" (5:1)
"forgiveness of sins" (9:22)*

*"bearing the sins of many" (9:28)
"take away sins" (10:4)
"offering for sin" (10:19)*

#3 The God who **RAISES** the dead wants to bless you!

*"May the God of peace **who brought up from the dead...Jesus**"*

#4 The God who **REDEEMS** sinners by the blood sacrifice of His Son wants to bless you!

*"May the God of peace **who brought up from the dead...through the blood**"*

#5 The God who **RATIFIES** His promises in the New Covenant wants to bless you!

*"May the God of peace **who brought up from the dead...through the blood of the eternal covenant**"*

#6 The God whose Son **REIGNS** as the great Shepherd wants to bless you!

*"May the God of peace **who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep...**"*

#7 The God who **REVEALS** Himself through His Son, Jesus our Lord, wants to bless you!

*"Now the God of peace, **who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord...**" 13:20*

"in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high," Hebrews 1:2-3

2. The Blessing **RESULTS** in God Working His Will in Us!

"...equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight..." 13:21

The Benefits Are God at Work in Us...

➤ To **EQUIP** you with every good thing to do His will.

"equip you in every good thing to do His will..." 13:21

➤ To **ENABLE** us all to do what is pleasing and acceptable to Him.

"working in us that which is pleasing in His sight" 13:21

3. The Blessing Is **RECEIVED** through Jesus Who God Raised Up for His Glory!

*Now the God of peace, **who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. 13:20-21***

➤ **TRUST** in the blood sacrifice of **the crucified Lamb of God!**

➤ **OBEY** the sure word of **the risen Great Shepherd-King!**

➤ **SEEK** to be a blessing **to others** just as God has blessed you through His Son and our Great Shepherd-King!

1) Persevere in **praying** this blessing for others. 13:18-19

*"Oh! God of peace **who by the blood of the eternal covenant raised up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus Christ, equip (NAME) with every good thing to do Your will, working in (NAME) what is pleasing before You through Your Son, Jesus Christ...to You, Oh God, be the glory forever. Amen!**"*

2) Persevere in **applying** this blessing to your own life. 13:22

"...to God be the glory forever and ever. Amen!"

Jesus Was Raised Up to Bless You to Be a Blessing to Others!