

Series "Jesus Is Better"
"God's Discipline"
Hebrews 12:4-11
Study-30

God uses many different things to produce ripeness of character. In Our Passage, The Process is Called "Discipline".

"Discipline" – 9X; the word "Son" – 6X

Hebrews 11 – Faith; Hebrews 12 – Hope; Hebrews 12:1

Hebrews' Purpose – Move The Believers On To Maturity; To Grow Up.

The Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Discipline Is A Result Of God's Love, By Which We Can Share In God's Holiness And Righteousness."

1. Verses 4-6 – Remember God's Word

2. Verses 7-9 – Remember God's Care

3. Verses 10-11 – Remember God's Purpose

1. Verses 4-6 – Remember God's Word:

Hebrews 12:4

Hebrews 12:3

"resisted" – a military term, meaning "to stand in opposition against the enemy in the line of battle; to stand face, to face against."

"striving" – translated as "antagonistic"

"sin" – "missing the mark"

Hebrews 12:5

"and you have forgotten" – Hebrews 5:11

Proverbs 3:11-12

Verse 5 – Reproof – Rebuke – is a verbal correction. Verse 6 – Scourging –(Punishment) is designed to make the rebuke unforgettable!

Failure To Recall God's Word Will Result In A Lack Of Assurance: "you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you"

Hebrews 2:1

"MY SON," – "mature son"

3 Truths To Remember From God's Word:

1. The Danger Of Indifference To God's Discipline: "DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD," – The word "LIGHTLY" – "little or few"; means to regard with "small significance".

"DISCIPLINE" – is used for "instruction, training, teaching and correction or to punish", Ephesians 6:4.

Hebrews 5:12

2. Danger Of Becoming Overwhelmed By God's Discipline: "NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;" – The word "FAINT" – "fainting away, paralyzed", 1 Corinthians 10:13.

Hebrews 12:6

3. Discipline From God Means That God Loves You: "FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES," – "instructive and correctional training by God."

Proverbs 13:24

"scourge" – "was to whip"; Christ by Pilate and the Roman soldiers, John 19:1.

Proverbs 22:15; Proverbs 29:15

Remember God's Word.

2. Verses 7-9 – Remember God's Care:

Hebrews 12:7

"It is for discipline" – "teach and instruct, to correct or punish"

Corrective Discipline – David committed adultery, murder, then the numbering of Israel, Psalm 119:67, 71.

Corinthian Church – Some sick, weak and even death – 1 Corinthians 11:32.

Preventative Discipline – Paul’s thorn in the flesh, 2 Cor 12:7-8 – To keep Paul from exalting himself.

Instructive Discipline – Job was righteous and God used him to teach us about the goodness of God. God was on trial, not Job. We can always trust Him!

Discipline Is Proof Of The Fatherhood Of God: “God deals with you as with sons;” – The verb “deals” literally means “to bring toward”

Hebrews 12:8

God Only Disciplines His Children: “of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.” – Born of the Spirit – John 3:5-6, they are obedient to God – Romans 15:18, spiritually alive.

Hebrews 12:9

Respect For Our Earthly Father: “and we respected them;” Exodus 20:12.

Jesus used it of the good father, Matthew 7:11; Luke 11:13.

“shall we not much rather” – uses to show the extent of, Hebrews 2:2-3; 9:14; 10:29; 12:25.

Submit Entirely To Our Heavenly Father: “subject to the Father of spirits,” – (Giver of life) subjection – Military term that recognizes “the chain of command and willingly accepts the position of subordination to God.”

“live” – the spiritual life to its maximum potential.

Remember God’s Care.

3. Verses 10-11 – Remember God’s Purpose:

Hebrews 12:10

Human Discipline Has 2 Features:

- 1. It Is Temporary** – “For they disciplined us for a short time”
- 2. Parents Do What Seems Best** – “as seemed best to them,”

God’s Discipline Is Directed To Our Good: “but He disciplines us for our good,”

The Immediate Benefit: This passage teaches – it is impossible for God to introduce any form of discipline into our lives, which is not good!

“so that we may share His holiness.” – Only through obedience and submission can the children of God become “partakers of his holiness.”

1 Peter 1:7

Hebrews 12:11

1 Peter 4:12-17

“yet to those who have been trained by it,” – James 1:2

Romans 8:18

“trained” – “exercised”; discipline of a gymnasium. It can also have the metaphor of horticulture of pruning in order to produce more fruit (training).

Think Of The Permanent Outcome: “afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.” – God is the spiritual vinedresser, John 15:1-5.

“peaceable” – in that the rebellious spirit has been changed into quiet submission and it is morally right, James 3:18.

Application:

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