





# THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD

**Hebrews 12**



# THE NEED TO ENDURE (VV. 1-4)

## Adversity Demands Endurance

- ❖ A call to endurance and faith (10:36) followed by examples (11) – “*great...cloud of witnesses*”
- ❖ (v. 2) – Jesus is our ultimate focus, and primary example – endurance and victory.
- ❖ (vv. 3-4) – perspective of suffering.



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## Endurance Demands Elimination

- ❖ **Endure** – from *hypo*, “under” and *meno*, “to stay, remain.”
- ❖ **Weight** – distinct from sin – unnecessary.
- ❖ **“and the sin”** – “*so easily ensnares us*” – *euperistatos* – *eu*, “well,” *peri*, “around,” *statos*, “standing,” i.e., easily encompassing (VINE)
  - ❖ All sin needs to be eliminated to be victorious.
  - ❖ The sin which greatly encompassed them? – 3:12, 19; 10:28; 11 – unbelief!



# THE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD (VV. 5-11)

## **Chastening** – *paideia*

- ❖ “tutorage, i.e. education or training; by implication, disciplinary correction” (STRONG)
- ❖ “(1) the act of providing guidance for responsible living. (2) the state of being brought up properly.” (BDAG)
- ❖ “(1) the whole training and education of children. (2) whatever in adults also cultivates the soul, especially by correcting mistakes and curbing passions. (2a) instruction which aims at increasing virtue.” (THAYER)



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## Chastening – *paideia*

- ❖ Involves pain – (vv. 6, 11)
- ❖ Not of necessity punishment of wrong:
  - ❖ See Christ – 5:8
  - ❖ Began when they were faithful – 10:32
  - ❖ “*every son whom He receives*” (v. 6)



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## The Source – A Father's Love

- ❖ (vv. 5-6) – speaks to sons whom the Lord loves.
- ❖ (vv. 7-9) – without = illegitimate.
- ❖ Out of love for our profit – (v. 10)
- ❖ Trust in God's use of adversity to our advantage –  
cf. 2 Corinthians 12:9



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## The Goal – Holiness, Righteousness

- ❖ (vv. 11b) – a training process.
- ❖ (v. 10) – to partake of His holiness. (cf. 1 Peter 1:15-16)
- ❖ (v. 11) – to produce fruit of righteousness.  
(cf. John 15:1-2; 1 Peter 1:6-7)
- ❖ Adversity calls us to a sound mind which distinguishes the shaken from the unshaken and prioritizes accordingly.  
(vv. 26-27)



# THE NEED TO RESPOND CORRECTLY TO THE LORD'S CHASTENING (vv. 12-17)

## **Not Sulking, but Improving (vv. 12-13)**

- ❖ Or else the spiritual man will sustain far greater injuries than the physical!

## **Not Yielding to Satan's Purpose**

- ❖ God's purpose – (v. 14)
- ❖ Do not become embittered and act as Esau! – (vv. 15-17)
- ❖ Satan intends for it to destroy you, and it will if you do not draw near to God! (cf. 2 Corinthians 12:7)



# THE NEED FOR BOLDNESS (VV. 18-24)

## Not Fear

- ❖ The Old Covenant was characterized by fear – (vv. 18-21)
- ❖ God has not given us a spirit of fear – Romans 8:15;  
2 Timothy 1:7

## But Boldness

- ❖ You have come to Mount Zion! – (vv. 22-24) – the culmination of spiritual blessings fulfilled in Christ and the New Covenant.
- ❖ These are matters which cannot be shaken – (vv. 26-27)



# THE NEED FOR REVERENCE AND GODLY FEAR (VV. 25-29)

## Be Grateful and Godly

- ❖ (v. 25) – Do not refuse Him who speaks!  
(cf. Hebrews 2:1-4 – more earnest heed to God's word.)
- ❖ (v. 28a) – We must have gratitude for God's blessings.
- ❖ (vv. 28b-29) – Such gratitude is expressed in reverence and godliness, not deviation from the pattern of what God has spoken.





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