

The Lord Chastens His Own

Sermon 47 in the Hebrews Series

Hebrews 12:4-11

I. Persevere in the Faith v. 4

Those that have gone before us are our example
Men may kill the body, but that's the worst they can do!

It is sin we are to strive against
Don't faint.
Don't quit.
You haven't yet resisted unto blood.

There are at least three things we can see in the lives of all of the heroes mentioned in chapter 11.

1. They had faith.
2. They endured to the end of their race.
3. They knew the chastening hand of God in their life.

II. The Chastening 12:5-10

A. The OT Passage Cited -- Proverbs 3:11, 12

1. Do not despise his chastening.
2. Do not grow weary or discouraged under the chastening.
3. See the chastening as from a loving father's hand.
4. Every son is "scourged".

B. In What Ways Can We Despise the Chastening?

1. You could ignore it.
2. You could just pass it by as the thing that everyone endures.
3. You could become a stoic and refuse to feel the rod of God.

There is not a single thing in our life that we should not be able to say,
"The Lord has sent this to me."

C. Do not be Discouraged during the Chastening

Whom the Lord loves He chastens (v. 6)
It's proof of His love.

D. Why Would a Christian be Chastened by God? 7-8

1. As the result of our sins.
2. For the glory of God and the furtherance of His purposes.
3. To remind us that this world is not our home or final resting place.

God is concerned with our sanctification and not with meting out appropriate punishments for our inappropriate behavior.

E. The illustration of a Father's Discipline of his Child 12:9-10

Parents make mistakes.
They might have a bad day and take it out on one of their kids.
God never has a bad day.

III. The Fruit of Chastening 12:11

A. During the Time of Chastening -- For the Present Time

B. Chastening Yields a "Peaceable" Fruit

God's chastening does not **MAKE US** righteous.
God's chastening **TRAINS US** in the way of righteousness.

C. A Similar Message is Found in 1 Peter 1:6-9