

I. INTRODUCTION: THE HALL OF FAITH

A. GOOD EXAMPLES TO FOLLOW (10:38,39; c.11; 12:1)

B. INFINITELY SUPERIOR (10:38,39; 11:39,40; 12:2,3 /c1-10; angels, Moses, Joshua, Aaron, tabernacle, covenant, sacrifices)

C. THE BLESSINGS IN ADVERSITY (12:1b; see 12:2,3 w/2:10; 5:8; see 12:3-11)

D. SHARE HIS HOLINESS IN PEACEFUL FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (12:10,11; Ryle, Monod)

II. HOW TO RESPOND TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S DISCIPLINE (12:12-17; see 3-11)

A. WHEREFORE: ON ACCOUNT OF WHICH (12:12; see 1-11)

B. HANDS, KNEES & FEET: WHOLE PERSON ENDURES (positive, 12,7; see Lev.8:23; 14:14)

1. weak, feeble: discouraged (12; see 3b,5b; see Is.35:3f)

2. straighten up: encouraged (12; Is.35:3f; see Dt.31:6,etc.; Phil.4:13 /Heb.3:13; 10:25; c.11; 12:1f)

3. straighten out: wheel tracks (13; see 1; see Ps.119:35; see Dt.5:22; Mt.22:37f; Heb.12:16)

4. healed: lame not dislocated (13; see 3:12; 1Tm.1:6; 5:15; 6:20)

5. summary: spiritual orthopedics (12,13; see 5-11)

C. PURSUE PEACE & SANCTIFICATION (14; see Ps.34:14)

1 pursue: relentless (14; see 1b; see Phil.3:12f)

2. peace: grace & mercy (14; 4;16; see 1Tm.1:2,13; 2Tm.1:2; see Eph.2:8; Heb.10:28)

a. all (14; see Rom.12:18; 14:19)

3. sanctification: cleansing & consecration (14; see 10; Lev.8:15,16; Ezk.44:7,15; see Lev.8:6f,10f; see Col.3:9&10; 5f&12f; Eph.4:22-32; 2Cor.5:21)

a. none (14; see 10:22; Mt.5:8; 7:3f; Ps.19:8; 24:3f)

D. FALL DOWN, SPRING UP, THROW AWAY: NOT ENDURE (negative, 15-17, 7 /10:36; c.11; 12:1,2)

1. oversee: watch out for one another (15; see 10:24; Gal.6:1f; Lk.17:3f; 1Jn.5:16; /1Tm.3:1; 1Pt.5:2)

2. no one: too little, too late (15; 1-3; see 4:1; 3:11f; Mt.25:1f; see Heb.10:19f,25; 11:16; 12:22)

3. no one: staining, contaminating sin (15; 13:4; Dt.29:18, poison; see 1Cor.5:6f; Tt.1:15)

4. no one: unclean or unsanctified (16,14; Gen.25:33f; see Heb.10:22; Ps.24:4; 2Cor.5:21; Col.3:5f)

a. no opportunity for repentance (17; see 3:11f; 6:4f; 10:26f; 1Jn.5:16f; Mk.3:29)

III. BEAR THE PEACEFUL FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS! (11f)

A. RESPOND TO GOD'S FATHERLY DISCIPLINE WITH THE STRENGTH AND COURAGE HE SUPPLIES (12f; 5f; 1-3; see Dt.31:6; Eph.3:20,21; 6:10; Phil.4:13)

B. SET SPIRITUAL GOALS OF PEACE & SANCTIFICATION; PURSUE RELENTLESSLY (14; see 12:2,3; see Phil.3:7f; Mt.5:21f; Rom.12:18; Col.3:9,10; 5f,12f)

C. GET YOUR BEHAVIOR ALIGNED ON THE TWO TRACKS OF THE LORD'S WAY (13; see Ex.20:1f; Gen.1,2; Mt.22:37-40)

D. DO THESE THINGS NOT ONLY FOR YOURSELF BUT ALSO FOR ONE ANOTHER (15,12f; see 10:24,25; Eph.4:13-16)

E. DON'T LET ANYONE GIVE UP, SPROUT SIN OR TURN BACK (15-17; see 10:25; Lk.17:3; Gal.6:1f; Jms.5:20)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)