

7-23-17 Evening Message
GOD'S CHASTENING AND WARNING TO ALL

This morning we gave the challenge to consider Jesus as we go through trials and people problems in this life. The writer of Hebrews, exhorts us to remember

Hebrews 12:4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Now as we look at the remaining verses in this Chapter I thought it good to look at the remaining verses and study them together.

I. CONSIDER THAT GOD CHASTENS EVERY SON HE RECEIVES.

Hebrews 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Note: We are not to despise God's rebukes and chastening and discipline.
Let's not faint when we are chastened.

VS. 12 Notice whom the Lord loveth He chastens.

As one of God's children we are always listening.
Always careful of what we do.
Always asking Him.

II. WE NEED TO ENDURE GOD'S CHASTENING HAND AND CONSIDER IT AS BEING PART OF GOD'S FAMILY.

Hebrews 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Hebrews 12:8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

We are in the family and every family has rules.

We are under God's divine tutorage.

III. WHY IS IT ANY DIFFERENT THAN OUR EARTHLY FATHERS?

Hebrews 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

Hebrews 12:10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

There is a difference between the way that God chastens and the way our earthly parents chastened us.

Our earthly parents chasten us after their own pleasure, and God does not say that is wrong.

God only chastens us for our own welfare that we might learn to be like Him.

THAT WE MIGHT BE PARTAKERS OF HIS HOLINESS.

III. WE NEED TO ACCEPT CHASTENING WITH A PROPER ATTITUDE.

Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Hebrews 12:12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

Hebrews 12:13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

We do not naturally count Chastening as Joyous, but the Bible says we should.

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

HERE'S WHAT WE NEED TO LEARN TO DO:

Vs. 12 Lift up the hands that hang down.. and feeble knees..
Why? Because we know all things work for good.

VS. 13 Make strain the paths of our feet when we are wounded of God.
We need to learn to take it with grace and He will heal us.
He will raise us up.

IV. WE NEED TO HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE TOWARDS GOD AND MAN. WE NEED TO REALIZE GOD MAY CHASTEN US TO GIVE US AN ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT.

Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

VS. 14 Follow peace with all men and be Holy. Remember, we are on this planet to represent God and don't let the trials and difficulties of this life spoil that purpose in life.

VS. 15 Nothing can defile a person like bitterness. If we get bitter and spoiled through this process we will be good for nothing but to be cast out.

V. CONSIDER ESAU AN EXAMPLE OF A BITTER IN THIS LIFE.

Hebrews 12:16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

Hebrews 12:17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

We often do not think of Esau as a bitter person but the Bible says he was bitter, and profane.

What was the proof of his bitterness?

It was his life and actions.

He despised his birthright.
He was a fornicator and liked ungodly women.

Esau's wives.

Genesis 26:34 And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:
Genesis 26:35 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

VS 17 Note he found no place of repentance though he sought it carefully with tears.

Romans 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Though he cried, because of his bitter life and insensitivity to the chastening of the Lord in his life GOD COULD NOT BLESS HIM.

VI. WE SHOULD RECALL THE LESSONS OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS.

Hebrews 12:18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,
Hebrews 12:19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:
Hebrews 12:20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:
Hebrews 12:21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

As we think back to the children of Israel was there ever a people that were more an example of being stiff necked, and rebellious against the Lord?

All that God did for them yet they murmured complained etc..

We need to fear that we do not wind up like them.

VII. CONSIDER THE WARNING GIVEN TO TAKE HEED THAT WE DO NOT NEGLECT THIS GREAT SALVATION BUT WE SHOULD FEAR AND QUAKE.

Hebrews 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,
Hebrews 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,
Hebrews 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.
Hebrews 12:25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:
Hebrews 12:26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

Hebrews 12:27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Hebrews 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Hebrews 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.

VS. 12 The children of Israel in the wilderness were a foretaste of better things to come. We have the promise of a heavenly mount Sion, and a new Jerusalem.

VS. 24 We have Jesus who is the mediator of a better Covenant. His blood is more sacred than any of the Old Testament sacrifices. Note He goes right back to the sacrifice of Abel.

Abel's sacrifice all the way up to Moses, the Prophets, days of the Kings, even up til the vale of the temple was rent when Jesus was crucified on the cross. The Blood of Christ speaks of far better things than all the Old Testament sacrifices which were but a shadow of that great sacrifice that He made.

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The Law of Moses, Moses was but a foretaste of Christ.

Those who would not listen to him were judged. What makes us think that we will escape if we reject Jesus?

Remember: Hebrews 10:28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

Psalms 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

I Corinthians 16:22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

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We are not dealing with temporal things, but we are dealing with eternal.

He shook the earth. Someday His voice will shake the heavens

until what is left cannot be shaken. These are the eternal and the new heaven and the new earth.

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Conclusion of the whole matter:

We should serve our God with reverence and godly fear. Let us remember who we serve. Our God has the power to consume this world. Imagine the power He has. Paul concludes this chapter with a severe warning. Can it be any better a summing up of the matter?

Hebrews 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.

There seems to be a lack on our part to really understand the God we serve. He is a consuming fire. He is to be revered, he is to be feared, we should shake in our boots worrying to offend Him.