

## **Precept Upon Precept-Hebrews**

### **Are Things Rough? Endure, It's Your Holiness, Lesson 24**

- Discipline is for holiness.
  - Hebrews 12:7: "It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?"
  - Hebrews 12:10: "For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness."
- Jesus is God, and God has spoken through His son.
  - a. Without faith it is impossible to please Him.
- Jesus is the God man.
  - a. He has delivered us from death, don't miss His rest.
- You have a High Priest who enables you to draw near to the throne of grace.
- Draw near to the throne. Don't fall away. The benefits of grace are there. Receive them, Don't reject them.
  - a. Hebrews 6:4-6: "For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and *then* have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame."
  - b. Hebrews 6:7: "For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God."
  - c. Hebrews 6:8-9: "but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned. But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way."
- You have a better covenant with better promises, based on a better sacrifice by a better high priest. We are not to go on sinning willfully.
  - a. Hebrews 10:26: "For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins."
- The whole purpose of all that you are going through is for discipline for the sake of holiness.
  - a. Don't despise your birthright and refuse Him who is speaking.
  - b. If you are going to handle discipline you must:
    - i. Realize you are not alone.
      - 1. Hebrews 12:1: "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."
      - 2. Hebrews 13:7: "Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their way of life, imitate their faith."
    - ii. Lay aside encumbrances and sin.
      - 1. Hebrews 12:2: "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."
      - 2. Discipline breeds discipline; Indulgence breeds indulgence.
    - iii. Fix your eyes on Jesus.

1. Endurance = hupomeno (under abide)
  2. Hebrews 12:7: "It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?"
- c. The goal is Christ-likeness.
- i. We may stumble, but we must get back up again.
  - ii. John 5:19: "Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in the same way."
  - iii. John 5:20;30: "For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will be amazed... "I can do nothing on My own. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.""
  - iv. John 8:28: "So Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am, and I do nothing on My own, but I say these things as the Father instructed Me."
  - v. Hebrews 12:3: "For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."
  - vi. Hebrews 5:7-8: "In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered."
  - vii. Hebrews 5:9: "And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation."
  - viii. Persecution and misunderstanding
- d. Discipline is the proof of your relationship with God.
- i. Hebrews 12:4-6: "You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reprovved by Him; For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives."
  - ii. Hebrews 12:6-11: "....But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness."
- e. Strengthen and straighten.
- i. Hebrews 12:12-13: "Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed."