

WHOM THE LORD LOVETH HE CORRECTETH PROVERBS 3:11-12

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Introduction:

It's important that we consider a few things before we get into the message.

It's important that we know first of all that we are saved.

We're saved not because of what we have but because of what Christ has done.

Secondly it is important that we understand that we are secure after salvation.

Because salvation is not based on what we do, there is nothing that we can do to lose our salvation.

We also must understand that at salvation we become a new creature and with that we receive a new nature,

however we still have an old nature that still likes the same things it enjoyed before salvation.

Understanding this we understand then that it is possible to still sin and be involved in things that doesn't honor or glorify the Lord.

That is when because God loves us that He begins to take measures to bring us back to the place that we will once again bring honor and glory to Him.

Illustration:

I read the story of a young man that went off to an expensive university.

The bills were coming in monthly to his parents, and they were struggling to keep their heads above water.

One day his mother received a letter from him that read like this:

“Dear mom, I'm writing to inform you that I have failed all of my classes. I wrecked and totaled my car. I owe the book store \$500.00, and I the clothing store in town \$2000.00.

I have been suspended for the next semester because of misconduct.

I'm coming home, prepare dad!"

His mom sent back to him a one line note that said, "Dear son, Dad is prepared, prepare yourself."

God is prepared to deal with His children when they sin!

- He could condemn us

Even after a person is saved, the first time they sin God could just go ahead and send them to hell.

However God won't do that because the Bible says:

Romans 8:1

¹ *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

- He could condone us

God could just stick His head in the sand and ignore our sin and overlook it.

But God cannot and will not do that because He is a holy, righteous, and just God that lets no sin go unpunished!

God always has to deal with sin because of His character!

- He can correct us

You see, if God condemned us after we sinned ... Then that would be pure legalism; that is, if you sin, you go to hell!

If God condoned our sin, that would be liberalism, where God would just simply say that sin is no big deal and let it go

But the third way that God deals with us is in love!

The Lord Himself said in Rev. 3:19:

Revelation 3:19

¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Notice in Hebrews 12:5-11:

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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: ⁶ For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. ⁷ If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? ⁸ But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 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? 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. 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.

Here in this passage we have described for us divine discipline!

We need to understand immediately that the purpose of discipline is not to discourage us, it is to encourage us!

It's not to hurt us but to help us!

One of the marks that you are a child of God is the discipline of God on your life when you sin! (vs. 6-7)

There are some people who claim to be saved, who think they are saved, but it is obvious they are not saved, not because they are sinning, because Christians sin, but because there has never been discipline in their life because of their sin.

Sadly there are single Christians who're sleeping around, and married Christians who're running around.

They're wallowing in sin like a pig in slop!

You try to talk to some of them and they'll just smile and say, "Well, I'm just backslid."

The truth is a lot of these so-called backsliders are going to slide right into hell when they die because they have never been saved!

There's a thin line between being backslid and being lost, and that thin line is the discipline of God.

Notice:

1. THE ROUTE OF DISCIPLINE

Now that we have seen why God disciplines us, but how does God discipline us?

A. Conviction – Rebuke

Hebrews 12:5

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:

When God rebukes us, He convicts us through the Holy Spirit that we are wrong.

B. Affliction – Chasteneth

Hebrews 12:6

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

After the rebuke of the Lord, there is the chastening of the Lord.

There are other ways that God will discipline us.

- Taking Away Our Power

Psalms 51:11

¹¹Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

C. Infliction – Scourgeth

The word “scourge” literally means to “flog with a whip.”

It refers to a very severe and painful beating!

This is the most serious type of discipline that God inflicts.

There comes a point when God realizes that His discipline is of no affect, and the only other step is death!

Someone has summarized God’s dealing with His rebellious children this way.

He will use:

- His Word
- The Wood Shed
- Or Use a Wooden Box

2. THE RESPONSES TO DISCIPLINE

Hebrews 12:7

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

A. We Can Resent Discipline – Despise not (vs. 5)

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Often when individuals are disciplined they become resentful and bitter.

But resenting discipline doesn't remove it.

B. We Can Reject Us – Nor Faint When Thou Art Rebuked (vs. 5)

When God disciplines you and life gets a little tough, you can just totally desert God and quit.

The Nazarene preacher, Uncle Buddy Robinson said: “If the Lord is your Shepherd, then you are the Lord’s sheep; And he has a perfect right to shear you any time he needs wool and you have no right to bleat.”

C. We Can receive It – endure (vs. 7)

Hebrews 12:7

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

The word endure literally means “to accept” or “to receive.”

When discipline comes we should ask “What are you trying to teach me Lord?”

Remember the purpose of discipline is to help us not hurt us.

Hebrews 12:11

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.

We are reminded in Job:

Job 5:17

¹⁷ Behold, happy *is* the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:

Now discipline may be a bitter pill to swallow at first!

Because “no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous:”

But like bitter medicine it will be good for you in the end.

3. THE RESULTS OF DISCIPLINE

A. Peace

Hebrews 12:11

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.

The first result of God’s discipline is peace.

The most miserable man in the world is the man who is saved and does know God, but is out of fellowship with him.

B. Productivity

Hebrews 12:11

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.

God uses discipline to prune us, that we might be more productive.

Psalms 119:67

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Psalms 119:71

⁷¹ *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

C. Purity

Hebrews 12:10

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.

God is not overly concerned with our health or happiness, but he is with our holiness.

You see, if you can be healthy and happy, without being holy, you're not saved!

But if you are saved, being holy is the only thing that will truly make you healthy and happy.

Christ didn't die to save us from Hell, He died to save us from our sin!

Titus 2:14

¹⁴ Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Close:

Illustration:

A little boy who was floating his boat on a pond, when the boat floated away!

A man came by and saw the boat out on the pond and began throwing stones on the far side of the boat.

The boy said, "What are you doing?"

Without a word, the man just kept throwing those stones on the other side of that boat.

Then something very interesting happened!

As the stones hit the water beyond the boat, they created ripples which pushed the boat back toward that boy.

Even though the stones disturbed the smooth water, they achieved the desired result.

That is the way that God's discipline works.

When we drift away from Him, He throws out stones of discipline to disturb the water and sends out ripples pushing us back to where we ought to be.

We are to be holy as He is holy, and He will discipline us when we are not, and He will continue to discipline us until we are!