

THE DISCIPLINE OF GOD
(Heb. 12:4-11)

- I. The EXPECTATION of God's Discipline (Heb. 12:4-6; Prov. 3:11-12)
 - A. We will endure OPPOSITION by God's ENEMIES (12:4)
 - 1. May be PAINFUL
 - 2. May be DEADLY
 - B. We will endure DISCIPLINE by God's DIRECTION (12:5)
 - 1. Must not be DISREGARDED
 - 2. Must not cause DESPAIR
 - C. We will endure CORRECTION by God's LOVE (12:6)
 - 1. Applies to "EVERY SON" whom He "RECEIVES"
 - 2. May be SEVERE and PAINFUL
- II. The NATURE of God's Discipline (Heb. 12:7-8)
 - A. It is LIKE that of a FATHER (12:7)
 - 1. Similar in VALUE for one's CHILDREN
 - 2. Applied to ALL one's children and ONLY one's children
 - B. It PROVES our relationship with GOD (12:8)
 - 1. That we are HIS CHILDREN
 - 2. That He LOVES US

III. The SCOPE of God's Discipline (Heb. 12:9-10)

- A. Discipline is NECESSARY to the human CONDITION (12:9)
 - 1. Fosters RESPECT toward the PARENTAL disciplinarian
 - 2. Should produce SUBMISSION to the DIVINE disciplinarian
- B. Parental discipline is IMPERFECT (12:10a)
 - 1. Exercised for only a SHORT TIME
 - 2. limited by the parent's WISDOM
- C. God's discipline is PERFECT (12:10b)
 - 1. To do us GOOD
 - 2. To produce in us HIS HOLINESS

IV. The RESULT of God's Discipline (Heb. 12:11)

- A. It produces INITIAL SORROW
 - 1. UNPLEASANT to EXPERIENCE
 - 2. BENEFICIAL for TRAINING
- B. It produces LASTING BENEFIT
 - 1. A veiled WARNING to those who RESIST
 - 2. A wonderful PROMISE to those who SUBMIT