

GOING ON TO PERFECTION – Part 3

Hebrews 6:1 KJV

1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

We've been talking to you about the importance of "going on to perfection." Let's just remind everyone what *going on to perfection* means.

Hebrews 5:14 KJV

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

The words "of full age" are translated from the *same* Greek word that's translated *perfection* in [Hebrews 6:1](#). Therefore, *going on to perfection* is equivalent to *going on to maturity*. In fact, a person who does not go on to perfection is like a person who does not go on to maturity or a plant that does not BEAR FRUIT.

Hebrews 6:6–8 KJV

6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. 7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: 8 But that which beareth thorns and briers *is* rejected, and *is* nigh unto cursing; whose end *is* to be burned.

Notice, anyone who is not actively moving forward (i.e. maturing or bearing fruit) is "falling way" or going backwards. Also, such a person is in danger of being *burned*.

Matthew 13:38, 40-42 KJV

38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*; 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Notice that the “tares” in the kingdom are in danger of being removed and *burned* in the fire. Why? Well, partly because they’re *fruitless*. But, also because they “offend” or cause others to stumble!

This tells us that anyone who is not actively trying to mature will ultimately hinder those who are trying to go on to perfection! Someone might say, “Not me. I would never intentionally try to keep someone from trying to mature.” Well, Jesus says you will!

Matthew 12:30 KJV

³⁰ He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

Jesus just finished saying, “A house *divided against itself* cannot stand” ([Matthew 12:25](#)). Now He says that anyone who does not “gather” with me “scatters,” or causes people to go in different directions. (This is what the devil is currently doing—causing people to go in every direction but the *right* one!) Finally, Jesus says anyone who is not “gathering” with me, is *against* Me. In other words, they are *anti-Christ*!

This is why these men are in danger of judgment—because they are actively working against the plan of God. This is why Hebrews describes them as “briers” or “thorns,” because briers make it difficult for a person to continue down the path. They also cause *pain* to those who try to push pass them!

Micah 7:1 KJV

¹ Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, As the grape gleanings of the vintage: *There is no cluster to eat: My soul desired the firstripe fruit.*

Micah is here representing the Lord, who has come to His vineyard seeking *fruit*. However, to His dismay, He finds *nothing to eat*. This lack of food (fruit) corresponds to the lack ‘good’ men in Israel.

Micah 7:2, 4a KJV

² The good *man* is perished out of the earth: And *there is none upright among men: They all lie in wait for blood; They hunt every man his brother with a net. ⁴ The best of them *is as a brier: The most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge:**

The situation is so bad that God says, “The best of them is as a brier.” Meaning, even the kings, magistrates, and judges are like fruitless plants!

Micah 7:4 KJV

4 The best of them *is* as a brier: The most upright *is sharper* than a thorn hedge: The day of thy watchmen *and* thy visitation cometh; Now shall be their perplexity.

What does this “day of thy watchmen” and the time of “thy visitation” represent? It represented a time when God would visit them in *judgment*. Therefore, when God’s people don’t bear fruit, He sends judgment upon them.

Micah 7:9a KJV

9 I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him, Until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me:

Even though God is bringing judgment upon them, this judgment is not intended for their destruction. It’s intended for their *good* (i.e. to restore them).

Micah 7:8–9 KJV

8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: When I fall, I shall arise; When I sit in darkness, the Lord *shall be* a light unto me. 9 I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him, Until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: He will bring me forth to the light, *and* I shall behold his righteousness.

Having said all that, I now want to share with you a dream I received a few days ago that falls in line with what I have been sharing with you today.

“In this dream I was in a STORE when the words WATCHER or WATCHMAN came up. I couldn’t remember whether the word watchman as GOOD or BAD. At first, I thought that it was bad, but then I said, ‘Nah. It’s GOOD.’”

Now, we just read a passage in Micah where the word “watchman” was used in connection with judgment. Moreover, we saw how that judgment was being used for *good* as a ‘rod’ of correction. I believe “watchman” is being used in a similar way in this dream. It represents a judgment that is coming from God. However, rather than see it as a ‘bad’ thing, we are to see as a ‘good’ thing!

Hebrews 12:5, 11 KJV

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: 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.

According to this verse, the chastening (judgment) of the Lord is a good thing because it produces fruit!

Now, in the dream this person was in the “store” when the word *watchman* came up. What does this “store” represent? Well, a store is a place we go to ‘buy’ things.

Revelation 3:18 KJV

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

God ‘counseled’ the Laodiceans to BUY some *things* from Him (*gold, clothes, etc.*). However, where do you go to buy “gold” and “white raiment”? Well, He gives us a clue when He said that this gold is *tried in the fire*.

Revelation 7:14 KJV

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Notice how these ‘white garments’, like the ‘gold’ in chapter 3, had to be obtained in the fire (tribulation)!

“The moment I said that the watchman was good, A WEIRD FEELING came over me. (I felt a pain in my HEART, in my HEAD and in my SHOULDERS.) I immediately began to say, ‘Jesus Christ.’ When I said that name, I would feel a burst of energy come upon me. However, when I stopped saying that name, I began to feel those sharp pains again. So I just kept on saying, ‘Jesus Christ.’ When I did this I felt something LEAVE MY HEART. (I took this to mean that there was something there that wasn’t supposed to be there!)”

The first thing we notice from this part of the dream is that whenever we try to walk by faith in our tests and trials trauma (pain) seems to attack our heart (emotions), our head (thoughts) and our shoulder (physical body). However, the solution is still to confess the name of Jesus! When we say the name of Jesus (or declare that He is our salvation) we win the battle. When we stop saying the name of Jesus (stop declaring that He is our salvation), we lose the battle!