

Hebrews 12:4-13

Introduction: Hebrews 12:4

**“Our trials are little compared with those of the martyrs of the olden times. Courage, brethren, these are small matters to faint about! Moreover, our chastening’s are love tokens from God, let us not be alarmed at them.” -Charles Spurgeon**

In our text in Hebrews, the author wants us to know several important truths about suffering:

- Suffering comes ultimately from the hand of God, for our \_\_\_\_\_.
- Suffering in the life of the Christian should thus be viewed as divine \_\_\_\_\_.
- Suffering should be patiently \_\_\_\_\_ as something that is designed to produce \_\_\_\_\_.
- Suffering, because it is divine discipline, should be viewed as an indication of God’s \_\_\_\_\_, and that we are a part of His \_\_\_\_\_.

**1. Discipline Through Suffering Is From \_\_\_\_\_’s Hand (12:5)**

The writer points to the importance of discipline and proceeds to show that for Christians suffering is rightly understood only when seen as God’s fatherly discipline, correcting and directing us. Suffering is evidence, not that God does not love us, but that He does. Believers are sons and are treated as sons.

**2. Discipline Through Suffering Proves Our \_\_\_\_\_ Identity. (12:5-6)**

**No suffering-No discipline-no persecution = No \_\_\_\_\_ with God**

**3. Discipline Through Suffering Is An Expression of God’s \_\_\_\_\_. (12:6-8)**

**“It is better to go through the storm with Christ than to have smooth sailing without Him.”**

**4. Discipline Through Suffering Results In \_\_\_\_\_. (12:9-10)**

- The motivation of the \_\_\_\_\_ father – their own \_\_\_\_\_
- The motivation of our \_\_\_\_\_ Father – our \_\_\_\_\_
- Roman 8:28
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

5. Discipline Through Suffering Is Endured By \_\_\_\_\_. (12:11-13)

- Discipline brings an immediate \_\_\_\_\_ behavior.
- Discipline Produces Long Term \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ suffering is tribulation or affliction God \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives to chasten us for unforsaken sin in order to turn us back to Him.