

THE  CHASTENING
OF THE LORD

THE FORGOTTEN DOCTRINE

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“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

**For whom the LORD loves He chastens,
and scourges every son whom He
receives.”**

Hebrew 12 : 1-6



3 Reasons We've Forgotten this Doctrine

1. We don't want a God who chastens



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**2. Satan is laboring to make us forget
this doctrine.**



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**3. We haven't known how to reconcile
His goodness with His discipline.**



2 Unfortunate Responses to Chastening

“And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him.”

Heb. 12:5



2 Unfortunate Responses to Chastening

1. Despise. Esteem lightly.

2 Unfortunate Responses to Chastening

2. Be discouraged. Collapse. Quit

The Right Response

**“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.
Therefore be zealous and repent.”**

Rev. 3:19



**Two words that are present in both
Heb. 12:5 and Rev 3:19**

1. Rebuke

2. Chasten



**Chastening is an expression of
love and pleasure.**

**“For whom the LORD loves He chastens,
and scourges every son whom He receives.”
Heb. 12:6**



**There are degrees of intensity
in chastening.**

**“If you endure chastening, God deals with
you as with sons; for what son is there
whom a father does not chasten?”**

Heb. 12:7



“But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.”

Heb. 12:8



**God chastens in absolute
wisdom and perfection.**

**“Furthermore, we have had human fathers
who corrected us, and we paid them
respect. Shall we not much more readily be
in subjection to the Father of spirits and
live?”**

Heb. 12:9



God is after holiness.

“For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.”

Heb. 12:10



Chastening is painful, but has great purpose

**“Now no chastening seems to be joyful for
the present, but painful; nevertheless,
afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of
righteousness to those who have been
trained by it.”**

Heb. 12:11



Healing is essential to the race

“Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.”

Heb. 12:12-13



The Million-dollar Question



**The Greek word, *teleios*, means to
be made perfect, complete, or
mature**

“For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect [mature, complete] through sufferings.”

Heb. 2:10



“Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.”

Heb. 12:12-13

