

The Supremacy of Christ:  
In Ministry Heb 8:1-12:3

**HEBREWS: THE “BETTER” LIFE:  
Discipline of Father  
Heb 12:7-17**

# Message so far...

- JESUS: BETTER IN REVELATION [1:1-4:13]
- JESUS: BETTER IN MEDIATION [4:14-7:28]
- JESUS: BETTER IN MINISTRY [8:1-12:3]
- JESUS: BETTER IN EXAMPLE [12:4-29]
  - IN DISCIPLINE - 12:4-13

# Let us run... endurance!

- men and women of ch.11 surround...
- Fix your eyes...JESUS - Lit. “look away to Jesus”
  - Where our eyes go, we go!
  - By focusing on the sin, we sin!!!
  - Author and Finisher of our faith - Consider!
  - shedding blood in resisting sin
  - ‘Comfort’ message of discipline

# Forgotten His *paraklesis*

- Pr 3:11 of a father to a son
  - Despise – light, passing regard
  - Faint – to relax, loosen, despondent
  - Reproved - to convict, expose, call to account
  - Disciplines - whole training/education (Dt 8:5)
  - Scourges – Jn 19:1; Mt 23:34

# NO discipline?

- If we are trying to avoid/deny his discipline...
- KJV! nothos – one born out of wedlock
- All have become partakers! (used in 3:14;6:4)
- No true child of God avoids this!
- The real work in our heart/minds: conform us!
- The example of Israel...
- Can we accept this side of our God?

# HIS discipline

- Earthly fathers – provide, protect, instruct, guide, encourage, acknowledge, prepare, and do all in their power to love
  - “we should receive every affliction as full proof that we are not forgotten by the High and Holy One who condescends to sustain the character, and to evince towards us, in our wanderings, the watchful care of a Father.” Barnes
- We give fathers’ respect for doing this
  - If we give this to earthly “fathers of flesh”...

# God's heart

- Father of our spirits the immortal part of us
- He sees the beginning and end
- Vs 10 – earthly fathers – limited ability, insight
- God-for our good - *sumphero*, together
- Qualified to share His glory! Is this worth the struggle?

# Concerning discipline

- It is NOT JOYFUL! (11)
- God's not about masochists! flagellating is out!
- Not a fun process at all- it is sorrowful! (lupe)
- Training for Olympics; studying for SAT's; limited value
- trained gumnazo: exercise, vigorous work out
- So many do suffer for smaller rewards...



# Finish line..

- Peaceful fruit of righteousness
- This is our goal, for Him and us!
- End result will be a place of peace - fruit
- How does fruit grow... John 15 *menos*
  - being intimate in Jesus/word
  - “clinging” to the source of life
  - High priest, Author, Finisher of faith - eyes on!

# Therefore... (12,13)

- “make straight” *anorthoo*, lift up, make erect
  - used of deformed being made new
  - weak hands, hang down from weariness
  - feeble knees, loose, side to side
- make straight paths “wheel tracks”
  - no obstacles or encumbrances...
  - lame, out-of-joint - made worse! (Jacob? Gen 32)
  - Healed- *iaomai*, cure, restored, free from error

# Focus! 14-17

- Primary aspects -
  - Pursue (*dioko*) - chase, as a hunt, relentless, to press after
- PEACE – a primary need today!
  - (*eirēnē*) exemption from rage, havoc of war
  - Ps 34:14; 133:1; Pr 16:7; Mt 5:9; 39-41; Ro 12:18; 14:19; 1Co 1:10...
  - All men? Church? Family? World?

Many sources of conflict

# Pursue

- “the sanctification”-specific, not generalized (hagiasmos)
  - Holiness – separation, to be different, set apart from and to
  - 2Co 7:1; Ep 4:24; 1Pt 1:15,16; 2Pt 3:16
  - How do we define this for our age?
  - To what extent do we separate from the world and its goals? a

# Finish line...

- The negatives that will prevent us from doing either:
- Falling short of God's grace – yes you can!
- Any Root of bitterness, (*pikria*) many defiled!
- Immoral (*pornos*) - in the church???
- Godless (*bebelos*) – accessible to anything, common, public
- Esau... Ge 27:32... selling yourself cheap...