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## WHEN GOD LOWERS THE BOOM ON YOU!

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS  
NUMBER 120  
HEBREWS 12:5-6

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Let us get a corrected translation of verses 1-4.

### Verse 1

"For this reason, therefore, since we also keep having such a great battalion of witnesses supporting us, having stripped for action every impediment and the easily ensnaring sin, let us advance on the run with endurance in the conflict, to the present objective."

### Verse 2

"Be concentrating on Jesus our Prince Ruler, even the one who brings us to the attainment of the super grace objective, by means of doctrine resident in the soul; Jesus, instead of his present happiness endured the cross, having disregarded the disgrace and he sat down in the past with the result that he remains seated in the highest place of honor at the right hand of the throne of God."

### Verse 3

"For begin thinking about such a person as Jesus Christ, having endured such opposition by sinners against himself, in order that you do not become exhausted, fainting in your souls."

### Verse 4

"Not yet have you resisted to the point of blood by fighting against the old sin nature."

HEBREWS 12:5 "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:" The word "and" from kai refers to what has gone on before in the verses we have just read. Next we have the perfect, middle, indicative of eklanthanomai and it is translated "you have forgotten." This leads us to pride, dependence upon ourselves. It causes us to forget that everything we have, comes from God. This word means to forget altogether. (Now there are certain things that is good to forget, as in Phil. 3.) This word here means to blot it out as though it never did exist. This perfect tense means this has been completed, but allows us to go back and see the process by which it happened. Reversionism causes the believer to forget the Word of God, forget Jesus Christ, forget the meaning of grace. So this says, "You, yourselves, have forgotten." Next we have the objective genitive of paraklesis and it is translated "exhortation." It is describing something very important. (Like a man walking out of the house without his pants on. He had forgotten something very important.)

### Shoutig Out Doctrine

This is a very forceful statement. Doctrine is being shouted at you. It is spoken so forcefully that it is ground into your mind. It is like some instructor in the military standing over the soldier shouting instruction down into the soldier's ear. It means to be braced by doctrine being shouted.

Next we have "Which speaketh" and this is the present middle indicative of dialeomai and it refers to principles of doctrine which teach you.

#### Never Let Up In Teaching

It is to our benefit and the benefit of children that they be taught every day. This is the responsibility of parents, to teach children faithfully every day. Children will never turn out right if you teach them a little and then let up. Some parents just can't believe that their children will do anything wrong. (Like the police officer came bringing little Johnny in and he told the mother what the boy had done and the mother said, "I don't believe it. I don't believe Johnny would do anything like that." Yes, her little Johnny had done that very thing.)

Children have to be taught every day, and no let up. The moment you let up, Satan moves in, the old sin nature asserts power and all that has been taught is soon gone. But mothers get tired and they want a rest or get sick or want recreation.

#### The Pastor's Toughest Job

Our hardest task is to teach doctrine and keep teaching it every day. This is equally true for the parents. It is comparatively easy to bring children into the world, but it is far more difficult to teach them every day. You can have pets and go out and feed them about twice a day and look at them, but you can't do a child that way. Parents are to teach basic manners to their children. We are to stand up when a woman enters the room, or hold a door for a lady. But we have reared a whole generation of children who haven't been taught manners.

#### Don't Take Teaching For Granted

Instinctively little boys are not gentlemen and little girls are not ladies. They have to be taught to say, "Yes, mam" and "No, mam." They have to be taught to say, "Yes, sir" and "No, sir," But we have reared a whole generation of kids who say, "Yeah." (That's when I have to put my hands in my pockets to keep from knocking their teeth out.) Children won't go beyond the things they are taught. And that responsibility has now fallen almost completely on the church.

PROVERBS 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

It is the responsibility of parents to teach children, and you can't pass that responsibility on to someone else. (I visited in two homes one afternoon. In one home the two children almost tore the living room apart while I was there. In the next home the children came in and sat down and showed the result of Christian training.)

Next in this verse we have "as unto children" from hos huiois and it means "as sons." Thus far, in this verse, we have "And so you, yourselves, have forgotten the principles of doctrine which teach you as sons." So this is what we have--Homes minus training of children and churches, minus teaching of doctrine. This is tragic. The Royal Family of God has been neglected, starved, and our people have spiritual malnutrition. Next we have a quotation from Proverbs 3:11-12. We will examine it first in the Hebrews.

Proverbs 3:11-12.

Verse 11 "My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction:"

"My son" is from beni and it refers to the fact that David was teaching his son Solomon. No father should ever sit idly by and allow a child to "sass" his mother. Don't let a boy wait until he gets to the army to be taught discipline. (I can pick out the children in this church who have never been taught discipline and authority.)

The next word "despise" is the qal imperfect of maas and it means refuse, reject, despise. The way you respond to discipline is a picture of your soul. "Chastening of the Lord" is from musar adonai. This is discipline from God to warn you that you are off the road. This is maximum discipline. God has designed discipline to train and develop and never to downgrade anyone. Almost every problem we have today in our world comes from a lack of discipline.

Next we have the qal imperfect plus a negative with the word qutz and it means to be worn out or exhausted. It can mean loathe. So we will translate it "Do not be weary or loathe discipline." Next we have the word tokechah and it means "his strong punishment." We should never resent discipline in our souls.

Verse 12 "For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth." "For whom" refers to the believer. Then we have the qal imperfect of ahabh and this means "love." This is God's love that always includes rugged discipline. Then we have the hiphil stem of jakach and it means to judge by punitive action, translated here "correcteth." This means the father looks at his son and sees his needs and seeks to meet his every need. Then we have "In whom he delights" which is the qal imperfect of ratsah. And it means to take pleasure in a person. (One of my Father's last statements to me and my sister was that we had given him a great deal of pleasure.) Training the soul of the child is the most important responsibility of the parents. Remember this--YOU SPOIL A CHILD BY FAILING TO TRAIN HIS SOUL. We need child labor in this country, if you understand what I mean. We reared a generation of children in this nation who did not work and didn't know anything about work and we inherited a generation of "hippies."

### THE DOCTRINE OF DISCIPLINE

#### 1. DEFINITION

- a. Divine discipline is the sum total of the punitive measures by which God corrects the believer while he is here on this earth.
- b. Discipline is the alternative to blessing. In this doctrine we will use the word "discipline" for the punishment of the believer and the word "judgment" for the punishment of the unbeliever. We will use these two words in their technical sense.
- c. Two areas of divine discipline exist in life on this earth. The sphere of carnality brings divine discipline and the sphere of reversionism brings divine discipline.
- d. Discipline for carnality is temporary and can be cancelled out by rebound.
- e. Discipline for reversionism is permanent and terminates in one of two ways. It results in the sin unto death or reversion recovery.
- f. however, no matter how extensive divine discipline may be, it never implies the loss of salvation.
- g. In as much as there is no divine discipline in heaven, all discipline to the believer must be confined to this earth.



h. The purpose of divine discipline is to correct the believer and bring him back to rebound (if he is carnal) or to reversion recovery (if he is a reversionist).

2. THE PRINCIPLE OF DIVINE DISCIPLINE.

The passage we have before us illustrates this point. Hebrews 12:5-6, "And so you, yourselves, have forgotten the point of doctrine that teaches you as sons, quote 'My son, do not make light of corrective discipline from the Lord nor be fainting when you are reproved by him. For you see, whom the Lord loves, he disciplines and he punishes to the maximum every son he welcomes home.'"

Please notice this is for sons only--only for believers. There is a slight difference in the passage in Proverbs and the way it is quoted here, but they mean exactly the same. In Proverbs it says, "In whom he delights" and in the quote in Hebrews it says, "In whom he welcomes home."

3. THE PURPOSE OF DIVINE DISCIPLINE.

REVELATION 3:19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

This verse literally says, "Those whom I love I punish, and I correct by discipline. Therefore, get hot (move to super grace) and repent (change your mind about doctrine). The believer in this verse is pictured as being luke warm and needs to get hot.

4. DIVINE DISCIPLINE DOES NOT IMPLY LOSS OF SALVATION.

GALATIANS 3:26 "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." This verse says that once a son, always a son. You can't be unborn. This is the idea in Luke 15 where we have the picture of The Prodigal Son. Once a son, always a son.

2 TIMOTHY 2:11-13 "It is a faithful saying: for if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself." This may sound like he will deny a person salvation, but it means denying rewards.

5. DIVINE DISCIPLINE IS CONFINED TO TIME.

REVELATION 21:4 "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Heaven will be a perfect place and every believer will have a perfect resurrection body and there is no place for discipline in heaven.

6. DISCIPLINE TURNS CURSING INTO BLESSING.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:30-31 "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged." There are three categories of discipline here. Weak refers to a warning discipline. Sick refers to intense discipline. Sleep refers to dying discipline. But rebound can cancel it out.

JOB 5:17-18 "Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. All discipline is designed for blessing. One moment God can discipline and the next moment he can turn it into blessing.

7. DIVINE DISCIPLINE FOR THE REVERSIONIST ALWAYS BRINGS SELF-INDUCED MISERY.

PSALM 7:14-16 "Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate."

This is the profile of a reversionist. The word "labor pains" refers to warning discipline. This leads to a life of deceit. The 16th verse pictures sin unto death. This is self-induced misery in verse 16.

8. THE PRINCIPLE OF TRIPLE COMPOUND MISERY.

This is the combination of discipline with misery.

- a. Mental attitude sins motivate verbal sins.
- b. There is first the warning state, then the intensified stage, then the sin unto death and they all combine to make triple compound discipline.

- c. Verbal sins bring further discipline from God.

Psalm 64:7 and 8 bring out this idea.

Also James 4:11 and 5:9.

When you malign or judge another, then you sin, but God also holds you responsible for the sin you mentioned in your criticism. (The thing or person you criticize may deserve the criticism. You say back to me, "But what I said about them is true!" It makes no difference. Keep your mouth shut and leave the judgment to God.) Matthew 7:1-5 is a great passage on this point.

9. THREE CATEGORIES OF DISCIPLINE IN REVERSIONISM.

- a. The warning stage as shown in Rev. 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

(This is not a verse on evangelism. It is not an "invite Christ into your heart" kind of verse.)

- b. The intensive stage. As in Psalm 38.
- c. The dying stage. As in Revelation 3:16, "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." "I am about to vomit you out of my mouth" means the sin unto death. (Jeremiah 9:16, 44:11 and Phil. 3:18-19)