

# ***THE BOOK OF HEBREWS***

## **Chapter Twelve**

This book of Hebrews was written by a man who had the revelation of God beyond any other man on the face of the earth at the time. Believe me, he had it. He was the full expression of what we should be, just like Jesus was, Jesus was the perfect sacrifice; I feel Paul was the perfect example. He was the perfect example in more ways than Jesus was. Now don't take that blasphemy, but I'm saying Jesus made a statement: "I have meat to eat that you know not of." Paul was the man that came and expounded that meat to you. He filleted it for you, he put it in there, he wrote it down, he said things that Jesus could not say; he did things that Jesus could not do and have been the perfect sacrifice. Once the sacrifice had come and forgiveness of all sin was there; Then you could do what you had to do to get something done. Paul could express that. Now, most people would be afraid to say it but I'm not afraid to say it, because it's the truth. Paul was that apostle born out of season. He was the one chosen by God to replace the one who went down, Judas Iscariot. He wasn't chosen by lots. He was the choice of God and he had the revelation beyond any man that walked prior to him. I don't know if anyone has since then, to that extent.

But you know, Paul is no different than Jesus in this manner, He's our older brother, see, he's just our older brother and that's not disrespectful, it's just saying he's my older brother, and you know what, if you are born again, guess what? He's your brother, too. He's no different than you or me. We're all brothers and sisters in the Lord. It's all the same. We're all the same. God's no respecter of persons. And if we realize that we won't have low self-esteem and lack of confidence. *Confidence* is something that you desperately need in the kingdom of God. You've got to know your identity. You've got to know who you are and not be intimidated when somebody contradicts it. Let me present this to you in a scenario: I asked my friend Steve, do you know if you're a male or a female? Obvious answer, yes. Now if someone was to come along and say, Steve is a woman. Would you be intimidated? His reply was, 'No'. Why? If you know the truth, you will not be intimidated and you won't be afraid to say 'I'm a son of God, I know who I am, and if you can't tell who I am that's your problem'. You've got the eye problem, you've got the heart problem, not me, and I KNOW WHO I AM. So when people accuse or intimidate or try to cut you down, what do you do? Don't accept it; just don't accept it, because you know who you are. If you know you're a son! Don't worry about what they tell you. How many Pharisees denied

that Jesus was the son of God? Almost all of them did. Because they knew if he truly was the son of God they were in trouble and they knew it. They lost their control. They knew what the Scriptures said and they didn't want the fulfillment because they knew they'd lose their grip on the wheel.

Verse

- 1 *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,*
- 2 *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 is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*
- 3 *For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest you be wearied and faint in your minds.*
- 4 *You have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.*
- 5 *And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to children, My son despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are rebuked of him:*
- 6 *For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives.*
- 7 *If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the Father chastens not?*
- 8 *But if you be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are you bastards, and not sons.*
- 9 *Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and live?*
- 10 *For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.*
- 11 *Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to them which are exercised thereby.*
- 12 *Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;*
- 13 *And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.*
- 14 *Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:*
- 15 *Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;*
- 16 *Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.*
- 17 *For you know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.*
- 18 *For you are not come to the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor to blackness, and darkness, and tempest.*
- 19 *And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:*

- 20 *(For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:*
- 21 *And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)*
- 22 *But you are come to Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,*
- 23 *To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.*
- 24 *And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaks better things than that of Abel.*
- 25 *See that you refuse not him that speaks. For if they escaped not who refused him that spoke on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaks from heaven:*
- 26 *Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he has promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.*
- 27 *And this word, Yet once more, signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.*
- 28 *Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:*
- 29 *For our God is a consuming fire.*

You know these two chapters, eleven and twelve, are tied together. I know man separated this and put numbers on this for memorization, but look at verse 40, the last verse of chapter 11, it says *God having provided some better thing for us, in order that they without us should not be made complete.* Now look at the next word, what is it? *THEREFORE*. Therefore, that just ties that together. That's the connecting conjunction. It hooks it together. He says they can't be perfect without us... It says *therefore, they can't be made perfect without us, therefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of WHAT?* This language says a witness or a martyr. So all the martyrs and witnesses, who have passed before us, they're encompassing us about. I could see this as a great auditorium or a big stadium as we would call it today and it's full of people and we're all in the middle of this thing and they're all around us in this great big auditorium cheering us on. When we find out something about God, we find another truth, when we see another revelation into the Word, what do you think they're saying? All right!!! They're excited. This isn't something where we're just humdrum, and we're passing through this life and we say, 'oh well we'll pass through and get there someday. Yada yada yada'. No, this is life and it should be so exciting that you can hardly sit still. I know I can't. I can't sit still in it. But, these martyrs and witnesses compass us about. And He says because of this; *let us lay aside every weight.* Now this word "every weight", literally says every hindrance or burden or load. Do you have a hindrance in your life? What does He say to do with it? Lay it aside. Put it down, lay it aside. Take it and lay it down somewhere else. Do you know why? Because you're not the one who's supposed to be carrying it, cast

your burdens upon Him. He's the One that's supposed to take care of it. And if we truly draw from the faith that God has given us, we won't worry. Yes, I've got problems like everybody else. But you see I'm not carrying this thing, I'm not fighting this thing. I'm not dealing with these things. They're His. He took over. He's the King. He makes the decisions. Let Him do it. But every time we say okay, I'll stack mine up over here in the corner. Like most good Christian folk do they go to church and stack them up in the corner and on the way out the door they just take them right on out the door with them and take them home and then they can murmur and complain about them all week long because they've got them with them. Then they come back to church and they'll lay them back in the corner again and then they get real spiritual and then as soon as church is over on the way out the door they take them back (the burdens) again and maybe they get someone else too, because birds of a feather flock together. Don't they? We don't need this stuff. Lay it aside. We don't need these burdens. And He says also to lay aside what else? *The sin*, the missing of the mark *that does so easily beset us*. Literally in the language it says, it skillfully surrounds us. This thing in our minds, so skillfully surrounds us. That is where the church comes up with this idea that the devil is some big spiritual power, but it's our mind and guess what it does? It surrounds us. The very center of us is our spirit and this natural mind does surround it. And it gives us all those cherubim working overtime in our minds, to see all these impossible views that anybody in their true spiritual mind could not believe but we believe them because that thing so skillfully surrounds us. You've heard of the people called silver-tongued devils? They're in your head. That's exactly where they're at and these things can talk to you and they can convince you of almost anything. There's only one way that you can overcome that. Now I asked God very early on in my walk after reading this verse in, Mathew 24:24 and it says *if it were possible, even the very elect would be deceived*. So I said okay God, if that's the case that means most people are going to be deceived. How can I know for sure that I can't be deceived"? "Very simple", He said: "Know my Word. Not the letter of it, but know my Spirit." And if you know the letter of the Word, you're going to find the Spirit of the Word. And when you know that, can anybody lie to you? When you know the spirit of the word you won't believe the lies. When someone comes up to you and says, "They're going to cut your throat and you're going die on the operating table. I can say you're a liar because God said "I'll die of natural causes as an old man. I'll just lie down and go to sleep. You see I've heard God, I've heard His voice". So do you think I'm going to believe that stuff? When someone says I'm going to die in a boating accident and drown? I don't think so. You're going to have a car accident. No I don't think so, that's not what God said. But you've got to hear God yourself. You're not going to hear God sitting out on a mountain. Now I'm not saying you can't hear God out

there, but I'm saying you're going to find God. Do you know where you're going to find him? I'm going to find him in each person that I come in contact with. If I'm going to find God, that's where I've got to go, because God dwells in tabernacles not made by hands. If I want to find God I not going to go up in the sky to find Him because I will find Him in the rest of His Creation and I'm not speaking about dogs and birds, I'm speaking of human beings that He dwells in. That's where God dwells, so when I want to talk to God in the heavens, I look at the heavens out there (in people) where God is dwelling. So we take Him out of this woo-woo experience and put Him right here. He lives here among us. But all the things that does *so easily beset us, or skillfully surround us and let us run the race*, not with patience but *through patience*; the word is '*dia*'. It's through patience. And this word patience doesn't really give us the great understanding. It says, in the language "cheerful endurance". Let us run the race through cheerful endurance. The only way I'm going to have patience to run this race is to cheerfully endure. There should be smiles on your faces, because if I've got that old sagging jaw, old droopy-eye looking, because oh poor is me, I'm in a pity party. That is not how you run this race. You're not going to enter the kingdom of God looking like a prune, all shriveled up and nasty looking, and most church folk that go to church look nasty. And they will tell you, come and be like me. No thank you! I can be miserable out here in the world. I don't need that. That's why I ran from it for years, and that's why everybody else runs from it. Because it's not real, it's a religious social club that man has set up. They have no power of God in it because they tell you God's up there somewhere. When you find out that God is in you now you have the power, and, oh, heaven forbid that you find out you've got that power; then the preacher couldn't tell what to do, or the board of elders or deacons couldn't tell you what to do. They're not supposed to tell you what to do. God is your maker. He's the one that's supposed to tell you what to do. We don't need someone to lead us like a cheerleader. All we need to know is that we HAVE AN EXPERIENCE WITH OUR FATHER. Do you think Benjamin (a small child in our fellowship) has to have someone tell him how to go play with His daddy? He knows. So does Jessie (his sister). She knows how to play with her daddy. You don't have to tell them; go have fun with your daddy. I'm telling you this morning: **Go have fun with your Daddy**. God, can't you hear it! But it's *the race that's set before us*. And the only way you're going to run this race is with cheerful endurance. Some would say, "I've lost everything I had, you don't understand." He said run it with *cheerful endurance*. Endurance is something that means you're going through something that is not easy, **cheerfully!** Remember chapter 11, you *cheerfully endure the spoiling of your goods*. "They took it away from me!" So guess what bless God I don't have to pack it any more. If you followed the Jews through the desert for 40 years, you found a trail of junk that they threw down and

when they left Egypt, man, it was valuable to them. They would have killed someone for it. And the farther they got into that desert, they dropped more and more junk and there was a trail strewn all through the desert. The farther you go through this walk you'll drop junk that we think is so valuable. It's nothing! Absolutely **nothing** is what it is. It's a smokescreen to keep you focused on something that doesn't mean anything. It's immaterial and the real thing is right there in your friend sitting beside you that you don't recognize, because God is sitting right there beside of you!

But then He says:

*Vs 2 Look to Jesus, the Author and the Finisher of our faith, who for, (not 'for', but because of the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down in the right hand of the throne of God.* Boy I could take that one and that would be the last verse of the day. Look to Jesus He was the pattern son. We must look to Him to see everything that He did. He said I didn't do anything that my Father didn't tell me to do. I didn't say anything that I didn't hear my Father say. Do you see something in this? Who is in control? If I'm a son, then who is running my show? Father's running it. In everything in our life, we've got to look to this pattern. We've got to know that God is control of our life, there's no happenstance, there's no circumstances, there's no coincidences in our life. God has set a pattern up and when these hard things come, all we can do is say when these hard things come, that just rip us apart. All we can say is "Thank you Father, Thank you Father, because you're making me into that son. You are making me remember who I was from before the foundations of the world". Every one of you, when you go through these horrendous experiences, all it is, is God trying to take your mind off your circumstances and show you who's in control of your life and say I'm trying to take you back to where you were before the fall. He's just trying to put your focus back where it belongs.

*Vs 3 Because consider the one that endured such contradiction of sinners to himself.* He endured it to Himself. It says he went as a mute lamb to the slaughter. He didn't say, 'hey you bad guys, you're beating me up and doing things you shouldn't be doing and I'm your savior, I'm your deliverer'. Did he say that? No, he said, 'whatever you've got to do, do it quickly'. *He endured it to himself. Lest you be wearied.* The word *lest*, there is the word 'hina me' in the Greek. It means "in order that." *In order that you be not weary.* You've got to follow these things so you won't become weary in your journey. There are certain things required. If you're going to take a journey, you've to pack a lunch, you've got to take some clothes with you, and you've got to make some provisions, don't you? And that's what he did. He set this up and told us we've to endure cheerfully all these things

going on. We have to look unto Him for our supply, we've got stop looking towards the natural things and look toward the spiritual things. That's what this is about. He's telling you this is your pack that I'm going to provide for you and I'm going to strap it on your back and when you need anything I'm going to be right there with you. Do your hear this? He's provided everything for us. We just need to look to the right direction. If there's a glass of water sitting over there and I'm dying of thirst and I don't look over there, guess what, I can die of thirst within six feet of my life, and that's what the church is doing. God is sitting in the midst of them and they don't see Him because they can't see anything but the natural and the drink of water is right there. He's sitting on the well. Oh help us, help us Lord. He said *in order that you be not wearied and faint*. This word '*faint*' means: to relax, to grow weak, to tire out or to be weary. Now he said these things are happening in one place: the mind. You see the whole thing is **the mind**. If I look at something, and every one of us has done this, we look at something and we say, "Man, that's beautiful". And maybe we get a little closer and say "I don't know maybe there are some flaws there." We get a little closer and say "Oh, God there seems to be need of some major repairs there." You get REAL close and you say, "Whoa, that's not good looking at all, it's ugly". Now that could be about anything, I'm not talking about people, I am speaking about anything. It's the way we understand things. You see, the closer we get, the greater the vision. So we have to realize that in our minds all these things can happen if we don't cheerfully endure, if we don't look to Him as our supply. If we don't take these things and put them in proper perspective what good are they? You could memorize every word I say, every word in this book and it won't help you a bit unless you let God open the door of your heart and put it in. If you want to resist the truth, then go ahead and wrestle and resist it but you're not going to get anything out of it. There are people that come to church in these churches by the thousands, hundreds of thousands, probably millions of them in church today, and they're not hearing anything God's saying. They're hearing an intellectual discourse of a bunch of words written 2,000 years ago of some historical book. That won't help me one iota and it won't help you either. I can put all these facts and figures together and they mean nothing. Like Paul said, it's just all dung, it means nothing. Unless I know the Spirit of this person that we're speaking of and I know the patterns, it will not change my life because it's here, (points to head), and I'm going to get weary and faint in this mind because I'm going to get tired and I'm going to lay down unless I know the truth and that's the thing that sets you on fire. That's the thing, when you touch that 440,000 volts in the Spirit. It's like YEEAAH, I'm here! You can't go back to sleep after you touch that one in the middle of the night, I promise you. You'll be up all night long. You all ought to spend a couple of nights like that. It'll do you good; I promise you.

Vs 4 *You have not resisted to blood striving against sin.* What does the blood represent? It can be life or death. You've not strived to death, have you? We've not died in this thing yet. We're all still sitting here aren't we, We've not died striving against sin, but I know who has. He already has and he did it for me. When He was on that cross I was too, so were you, when you realize it. When he was buried, I was too. When He resurrected, you were too! That's what the book says isn't it? Read Romans chapter six. So when it says *you have not yet resisted against sin*, but I know the one that has. So that covered me. I don't worry about that any more.

Vs 5 *And you have forgot.* What's it say? And you have been **caused to forget**. I wonder, what caused you to forget? Something happened a long time ago when this serpent began talking to this woman. This mind of Adam, this natural mind, which had never been tested and proven, began to talk to his woman, Eve, and that woman, the soul, bit on it. *If you eat of this tree you can be as God.* She already was, but she bought the lie. And what he was really saying in essence in his silver tongue was this: you're not really godly. How many people buy that one today? Huh? How many people believe that you're not godly today? Just because my dirt body wants to do something stupid, does that mean I'm not a Son of God? This dirt body I'm walking around in is not godly and it never will be. *Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.* It's not going in. I don't care how much the church realm tells you to fluff and buff this thing. It's not going in. My book says in: *Ecc. 12:7 When you die, the dust returns to the dust and the spirit returns to God who gave it.* That's the end of that discussion. The flesh is not going anywhere. It is only my spirit!

*You have been caused to forget the exhortation which speaks to you as to what? Children? No. **Mature sons**.* Here's an exhortation to mature sons: STAND UP you can make it. Jesus said follow me. If you do, those two simple words: Follow me. Could you be wrong? You could never make a mistake. Follow Him. It's that simple. Did he make a mistake? He said do this: follow Him. If he says to do something, that's still following him isn't it? Whatever he said, do it and guess what, you can't be wrong. That's why I can say, I can do no wrong. You can't either, if you follow Him. Didn't he say in John that if you're born of God, you **cannot** sin? He didn't say you may not or maybe you won't, He said **you cannot sin**, if you're born of God! Are you born of God? Hello, do you believe it? I'm seeing doubt in some eyes. You still believe that you can do something that God's not going to accept you for! If his son Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the whole world then what are you concerned with it for? I'm not concerned about 'Am I going to be in heaven, or am I going to some make believe hell that the

church realm has made up to torment you with. That's not even an issue. The only issue is: Have I been obedient to what my Father asked me to do? That's your only focus. Forget about punishment. That's not in the issue. Am I being obedient to what my Father said? If you're obedient, you have nothing to worry about. Why does the church make such an issue of this hell and devil and demons and stuff? If I'm obedient what power would they have on me **if they DID exist?** I'm not giving them credence that they exist anyway. But if they did exist why am I focusing on them? Why not focus on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of my faith? Hello. Doesn't that sound like the direction to go? If I take my eyes off all this foolishness, and put it upon what he said to do and follow him, how could you possibly be wrong? It's impossible. Oh God, help us.

And here's what the exhortation was: My son. Do you know what the language says? I like this. It doesn't say my son, it says this: Sons of You. That's what the language says. What does this mean? It's not my son; it's *Sons that come out of me.* Where did you come from? I came out of the Father and I'm going back. Sons of me. *Sons of Me, despise not the chastening of the Lord, or the disciplinary correction of the Lord.* What is it about? Disciplinary correction. It's not punitive correction, it's disciplinary. Discipline means to correct you, true or false? I want to be corrected. How many of you want to be corrected? Little children want to be corrected. They want it. They might squall when you correct them. But you know what? They know its love when you correct them. And when you let them run wild, you know what? They'll know you don't love them. And they'll be a total mess in their lives. The heart of everyone really is to be corrected but many people are turned loose and it turns into rebellion.

*But, don't despise the disciplinary correction of the Lord nor faint or become faint-hearted when you are corrected of Him.* When something happens to most people, in their life, the first thing they want to do is to throw a pity party. They send invitations out to everybody. "Woe is me wa, wa, look what I'm going through, look how hard it is!" "Oh shut up. That's what God told me. Why can't I tell you the same thing"? I was crying and squalling to him about some hard things in my life one night about 3 o'clock in the morning I'd been praying for eight hours, doing that religious thing and crying...acting like a little baby...and He let me go for a long time till I was exhausted and I just laid there and He said, 'it's about time to shut up'. I said, 'but Father you don't understand what kind of mess I'm in'. He replied, 'Yeah I do, but you're a baby. Shut up and act like a man. Stand up!' I'm not talking about sex here; I'm talking about being mature. Just stand up and be mature about what you're doing. You're acting like a little kid throwing a temper tantrum to mommy and daddy. Stop it! You've got a problem, so what. Look at it. Don't be faint hearted when these disciplinary corrections

come into your life. My God, He loves you. That's why He's putting them there. And you're saying don't love me so much, right? Well come on. He loves you enough, He's going to make you right whether you like it or not. He loves you that much. He's going to love you right back to where you belong whether you like it or not. Ah, it's a journey.

Vs 6 *Because whom the Lord loves, He disciplines or corrects and He scourges every son whom he receives.* This word **scourge** means: Misfortune sent by God to discipline. Hello, who put it there? God is going to send misfortune into our lives to discipline us. "Oh praise God!" Right? That's what should be in your mouth. I thank God that He loved me enough to take me and correct me. You see because He turned me loose for a long time. Genesis 6 says this, *when man's heart is left to itself, it is continually evil*. Do you see that? God let me run for forty years and do you know what I was? Continually evil. I guarantee you that I was. But then He stepped in, because you see, I had never sensed love in my life. And right now it doesn't make any difference if any human being on the face of the earth loves me .....I know that I have someone Who loves me. See, I can endure all things because of that. Because I know my Father loves me and if you know that, you can endure all things. I don't care what comes against you, you can say, "it doesn't make any difference. My Father's got me covered. I don't worry about what anybody else thinks, and do you no what, I don't. And it says: *He scourges every son whom He receives*. Do you want to be received of God, then guess what you're going to get? A little misfortune sent to correct you. So don't be crying. What should you be doing? Rejoicing. Didn't the book say *rejoice in all things*? Did it say rejoice in the good things, and whine in the bad things? Murmur and complain in the bad things? Usually we do it to ourselves. He let's us do it ourselves so it'll come back on us. We shouldn't be whining and crying. We should say hey bless God". When we come together we could say, "You wouldn't believe what God let me do, He let me fall flat on my face, make a fool of myself! Thank God for it. Do you know why? Because He's getting some of the pride out of my life." You can't walk through life and hold onto your pride. It's got to go by the wayside. You've got to let your pride go. God is going to be faithful to send you that disciplinary correction. He is going to chastise everyone He receives and everyone He loves so why should we be upset about it? You should be rejoicing in this today. Thank God for all the tough things you're going through because it's going to make you into a full grown Son of God.

Vs 7 *If you endure (undergo) chastisement (disciplinary correction); God is dealing with you as sons.* Oh man! How much better of a resume have you got than that? C'mon, I know you're lives. You've got a resume written here. I am a Son

of God! How do you know? I'm going through hell. I'm a Son of God I know it, because He said He's going to send those misfortunes into my life and that is going to deal with me as a son. On your next resume you fill out put down that you're SON OF GOD. How do you know? Because I'm going through hell. Oh bless God. *Because what son is he whom the Father loves and does not discipline or correct.* He goes on to tell you in the next verse.

Vs 8 *But if you are without disciplinary correction whereof all are partakers, then are you bastards, and not sons.* How many are partakers? **All.** Everybody's going to get it and if you don't want to accept it, guess what, you're calling yourself a bastard, an illegitimate son. All this is saying is that you are not a mature son and you don't know who your father is. If you don't accept what's coming to you in your life, you're saying I'm an orphan, I don't know who my daddy is. I KNOW WHO MY DADDY IS. I know who your daddy is too. I'm telling you. The book just said He's the Father of all spirits. Didn't it? Then whose Father is He not? It's just that they don't know. They don't know who they are. They don't have their identity corrected yet.

Vs 9 *Furthermore we have fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?* Whoa. Why not be in subjection to my father? Do you know natural fathers can abuse you? They can hurt you physically because of things in their lives. They're upset; they're angry or stressed out. They can reach out and hit you with a fist or beat you with a club. They can do all kinds of horrendous things to you, and yet we reverence our fathers, and the scriptures even teach us to *honor your father and mother, the first commandment with promise that your days may be long upon the earth.* Right? Even in the bad things that come to you, you should honor them. Of all the things my father did to me in the natural of abuse when I was a child I never raised my hand to him. I never cursed my father one time, not to say that I didn't think about it a few times. But I do know this: I loved my father and we were reconciled long before his death. We put all those things behind us. But still God was in control. I'm not saying this, because I'm some good guy and I did something great. I'm telling you that only the love of God in my life which was there from my childhood and I didn't know it because God was working in me and it took time to get all this evil worked out of me. I didn't know love from my natural father. He didn't know love. All he knew was the best way he knew how that he learned from his father, and someone had to break the curse. You see I didn't do it God stepped into my life and broke the curse and He showed me unconditional love. There are no strings attached. I love you regardless. You see that is the only kind of love that God has. He has no conditional love. As long as

you think somebody is going to love you because of something you do, you've got an earthly view of love. God loves you because you are His. He created you. There is nothing you have to do to make Him love you. Absolutely nothing. And if you believe anybody in this fellowship or anybody in the world, that you have to do something to make them love you, they don't love you anyway. You're only buying it and you can't buy it. You just receive what He has for you. Let God love you and everything will be alright.

Vs 10 *Because they verily for a few days disciplined us according to their own pleasure.* The word 'pleasure' should be 'thinking' not pleasure. Now look why He's doing it. *But he is doing it for our profit, that we be partakers of his Holiness.* How many want to be partakers of the Holiness of God? We've got to realize something. We have to accept what Father has dealt us. Didn't Paul say in *whatever state you're in be content therewith?* Some would say, 'Well I don't like this one!!' Well you will be there until you like it. And then some would say, 'I'd rather have a bigger house, a finer car, or a better job'. You won't be moving around until God chooses to get you there. So Him being in control of all things just relax do what you've got to do, be content where you are, be happy where you are, and guess what, when you get happy there, then God can deal with you. If I place someone with not much experience in something and I put them in a position of authority, what are they going to do? They're going to mess it up big-time. That's why God is proving us. God's not proving us to Him. He knows us. He's proving it to you. He's proving to you that you are a son, that you truly have the same heart He has, and that you truly have the same thinking process He has. When you find this out do you think it possible that you could make the wrong choice? If you're thinking with the mind of God you will be thinking exactly like He thinks. Every decision I make will be from the same thought process that He makes it from. That is what He is showing us. He already knows we can. But you see we're the only ones that are lacking. Didn't it say that He is correcting us for our profit? He wants to show you what is in you that you don't believe is in you. The only reason you are not reacting out of what is in you is because you believe that other picture. You believe that false identity in your life. If you believe what God said; it's over. It's over. You'll walk in peace and there will be a power and authority that nobody can rebuke.

Vs 11 *Now, no disciplinary correction for the present seems to be joyous.* What? Oh, I'm so shocked at that. This disciplinary correction isn't joyous for the season. Well, no pain, no gain. What's that little saying in my office? You will stay the same, until the pain of staying the same is greater than the pain of the change. God wants to change our thinking process. We get very comfortable in the thinking

process we have. But guess what? It's, not right, or God wouldn't be trying to change it. God is trying to change the way we think. *But it's grievous* he says, *and afterwards* or literally it says eventually *it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to them which are exercised through it*. Through what? Disciplinary correction. If we go through it **joyfully**, enduring **joyfully** all this disciplinary correction that the Father has set up in our lives. Through these things he sends into our lives. What did I tell you it was? These things are misfortunes sent by God to discipline us. So if we joyfully endure all this, guess what? What did it say will happen? It will bear the peaceable fruit of WHAT? Righteousness. That's what we want, isn't it? So if we are exercised by these things that God sends to us to correct us then we are going to have the peaceable fruit of righteousness in our life. If I have peace and righteousness in me, how are you going to shake me? How's anybody going to shake you? Come on we'll get to the shaking in a minute.

Vs 12 *Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down and the feeble knees; So he is saying lift them up, strengthen your hands and lift them up there and worship God. I'm not telling you to walk with your hands in the air all day long. I'm just saying, "Quit walking around in a slumped position and just barely making it through life". You're full of life. **You're full of life**. You're not full of death. That's only a figment of your imagination. It is something the cherubim have helped convince you of and since cherubim are imaginary creatures, that means they're not real. We can talk about cherubim all we want but we need to realize that they don't even exist. It's just what your mind has made up. And if you're mind is made up, you're in trouble. It should be directed by the Spirit of God. It shouldn't be made up by cherubim.*

Vs 13 *And make straight paths for your feet. What is your lifestyle? It is right back to Him. No detours, it is straight to Him. So that which is lame be not turned out of the way. The word "not" should be in there. Be not turned away, but rather let it be healed. God's not trying to destroy anyone. This (points to a body) can't be destroyed because it's automatic destruction. It was built with a self-destruct mechanism in this flesh. If it's born, it dies. But see, you were not born by the flesh. You were born of the Spirit of God and it was created eternal. It came out of the eternal God. It can't be anything but eternal. It can't be. So He's just showing you who you are. He's trying to remind you who you are. That's all it comes down to. Make that straight path so you can go right back where you are. He wants to heal you or restore you, but let it rather be healed.*

Vs 14 *Follow. And the word 'follow' there is really pursue. And when you're pursuing something, it's not like "oh, la la la, I'm following Jesus. La la la la."*

That's not pursuing. Think about a pursuit when a cop is on somebody chasing them for speeding. Think about a duck on a June bug. Did you ever see a duck on a June bug? Man that duck gets after it. It is so funny, but that's the way we should pursue the Word of God. We should be consumed with it! That's the way a duck goes on a bug. Watch a chicken chase a bug or something or a bird. They are just consumed in what they are doing they will fly into walls, and everything else trying to get that bug. You see they have no fear of anything and that's the way we should be in our life, no fear of anything, but go after what God has given us. PURSUE HIM. If we do that everything else will take care of itself. It says, *pursue peace with all men.* Pursue peace with whom? **All men.** Can I hate my neighbor? No. How about the guy who lives three miles down the road? No. How about the guy who lives in Afghanistan? He surely isn't my neighbor is he? NO! Oh that's right it says **"all."** *Pursue peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.* Do you see that? If you can't live with all, a-l-l. Who does that leave out? Then I have to get along with how many? ALL. If I can't he said I'm not going to see God. Well Hello! Nobody's going to stop me from pursuing my Father. You see I'm on a mission. I'm like that duck pursuing that bug, and I'm going to get that bug. I promise you.

Vs 15 *Looking diligently*; literally it says 'beware'. *Beware whether any man falls short of the grace of God.* He's not saying 'look diligently'; he's saying 'Be aware of your brother, if he's fallen short of the grace of God'. Why? Because we've got to be there to help him. If I love him, I can't let him fall short and then I walk on and leave him lay in the gutter. Remember the man on the Jericho road? You can't leave him there bleeding and dying on the side of the road. The church world will do that. You can't do that. I'll never see God as long as I can walk over one of my brothers, one of my sisters and say they don't deserve grace and mercy. Because you see God gave me more grace than anybody deserves. So you see I have an abundant supply and you can't drain my mercy and grace. I've had people try to drain it, but they can't do it. They can reject it but they can't drain it. They can't get all that I have because I've got enough for everyone because my supply is in Him and it'll never run dry. *Lest any root of bitterness spring up and trouble you.* What's the trouble here? Of all the things that God could talk about that could probably put you on the wayside. What's the one thing He says: **a root of bitterness**? That is because everything springs out of that root of bitterness. If I'm bitter I'm going to start defaming everyone around me. I'll going to get jealous and jealousy leads to murder, according to Scripture and then I can slay my brother. That is why he said the 'root of bitterness'. You see the root is the whole problem. I can't be bitter to anyone about anything and that doesn't mean I have to say "oh goody goody come and sucker punch me again. Beat me up. Treat me

bad”. No! I’m not telling you to do that. My Father is in control of that and when He sends someone He’ll get the job done. If He tells you to beat me up, you’re going to beat me up and there isn’t anything I can do about it and I’m not going to fight you over it. He said, By this many are what? **Defiled**. Do you know most of our brothers and sisters in the church are defiled by a root of bitterness because they’ve never forgiven **A-L-L**? They’ve not forgiven all. You cannot forgive some and not others; that’s a respect of persons, you’ve got to love them all. Do I love everything they do? Heavens no. I see all kinds of things I wish people wouldn’t do, but I am not the judge. God is our judge. That is what is wrong with church, the church realms want to judge you. They want to condemn and point fingers and condemn you. If you’re pointing fingers, condemning or judging, you’re in trouble, yourself, because you’re not going to see God until you get out of that.

Vs 16 *Lest there be any fornicator.* It should say: *many are defiled by this bitterness.* He said if you’ll do these things, look diligently and pick up your brother when he falls down and don’t walk over him or kick him when you step over, but if you do what it says in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> verses, when you come to the 16<sup>th</sup> *that there be no unfaithful or heathen person as Esau who for one morsel of meat, or one meal sold his birthright.* He is saying, ‘If you will live your life right you won’t have to worry because I can’t let one of you fall’. He is saying if you do it right there won’t be one of you like Esau that sells your birthright for something as worthless as one meal. That is what Esau did, but He is saying this is how you can stop it. You’ve got to love EVERYBODY. You have got to have grace and mercy for everybody. And you don’t step over anybody on the journey in. If you see them down, pick them up, dust them off, and then encourage them and bring them on. Pour in the oil and the wine. They’ve got to have it and you’re the supplier and if you don’t supply it to them, how are they going to get there?

Vs 17 *Because you know how that afterwards when he would have,* Now notice this; it is when **He** desired it. Whose timing is it? It’s up to God; it’s not up to Esau. My flesh can’t make a choice. If God wants me, He’s got me. Look at the “he’s” in this verse. *He desired to have the inheritance of blessing. He was rejected, because he found no place for repentance.* What the language says is this: *He found no opportunity or occasion for a change of mind.* He didn’t want to change his mind. A man in our fellowship said that he asked God why there were things in his head that drove him crazy. Do you know what he said that Father told him? He said that Father told him that he didn’t want to let them go. What is the reason why anyone would hold those things in their head, what’s the reason? You want them. You hold onto them. You’ve got to let them go yourself. If they’re cherubim, if they’re false images, and they’re not real then why do you want to

hold on to something that's not real? If it's real, let me write you an unreal check today for \$100,000 and cash it for me. Would you hold onto that? You let me write you an unreal check and you give me \$100,000 and when it becomes real you can have the money. How many of you would do that? Well that's what you're doing when you hold onto these unreal things that are not real. How many people here would let me come up and write you a check here for 10 million dollars and hand it to you and tell you that you are covered for 10 million dollars and you just hold on to it because I told you it was good. Would anybody here accept my check? I can tell you that I don't have that much money, but if I wrote one would anybody accept it? The obvious answer is? NO. So guess what? If I wrote the check and you wouldn't accept it, then why are you accepting what's not real in your life? The only thing that is real is God. Some would say, 'oh you don't understand the problems'. Oh yes I do. You want it yourself. You want to hold onto it.

There was a lady that we dealt with several years ago in Pentecost, and God spoke to me while we were in a deliverance process. We were going through those things when we played with demons and devils and we took this woman who had no identity and she'd been under demonic influence for a long time. She was rejected as a baby her mother set her out in the middle of the streets of Dayton at a red light then she drove off and left her. She was abused by her grandfather, uncles, and cousins (sexually); this girl went through all kinds of hell. She came to us for help, we began to do deliverance on her and we spent hours with her. And do you know what, the next day she prayed that all the demons and devils would come back. And I said, My God, how can anybody do that? How could anybody ask for that back? God told me this. He said, 'what you did was that you stripped her of her identity. It wasn't her real identity'. It was what she thought was her identity! The only thing that she could relate to was those spirits of rejection and abuse, hurt and bitterness that she had all her life. And what we did was to rip those from her and left her as naked in a crowd of people and she didn't know who she was. All she could do was reach back and grab the only identity she knew, those cherubim in her mind. And the pastor I was setting under said, "Oh, she's no good." I said, "No brother that's our fault. We have to accept that one. We stripped her naked and left her standing in the middle of the street. We didn't tell her who her real identity was, and we didn't try to clothe her. We stripped her and told her to go home. Walk home, go ahead, totally nude. How many of you would do that? We have to realize the implication of what we do. I learned through that and it will never happen again. Don't hold onto those things in your head. They're not real, but you've got to know who you are also.

Back to verse 17; *Though he sought it carefully with tears.* Again whose timing is it all about? Esau sought it with tears. It didn't work for him did it? Because it wasn't God's timing. God handed him the birthright and he rejected it from the beginning so God said 'okay, you'll just do without it. You rejected it'. It was a pattern so don't try and make it legalistic. God is showing us a pattern.

Vs 18-19 *Because you are not come unto the mount that might be touched and that burned with fire nor to blackness, and darkness and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:* I read those two together purposely because it is speaking of one subject. It says because you have not come to Mt. Sinai. That is what this is speaking of. *Wherein if any animal touched it they would stone them to death.* You haven't come to this law. Mt. Sinai was where the law was given. We are not under the law are we? He says you've not come there where all this darkness and blackness and ignorance and all these things are going on, this is spiritual. *And there is a tempest going on,* that means a storm. As long as you're under the law there's always going to be turmoil in your life and a storm in your life continually. Because it's going to be do and don't do and you will be torn between the two. It will be the things that I don't want to do is the very things that I do. Romans 7. So, in this, he says *in the sound (literally echo) of a trumpet.* You see you're waiting for that external sound 'out there'. It's not external it's inside of you right now. *And the echo of words, the echo of the trumpet.* An echo is not really the first sound is it? It's reverberated off something else. And all they were doing under the law was hearing in an echo of God. They weren't getting a real image. The real image or the express image had not been out there so far. *And the trumpet and the sound of words which voice they that heard, begged,* the word is not 'entreated' but they "begged" that the word should not be repeated to them anymore. Do you know that there are people out there saying "Don't tell me anymore I don't want to hear it. I don't want to be accountable. If I don't hear it I'm not accountable". They are lying through their teeth. Read Romans 1. It's been told to you and you're without excuse. It's already written in your heart. The only reason you can't hear it is because you're denying it. It's already been told to you read Romans chapter one, you'll find it. It said you're without excuse. Isn't that true today? How many people are running around out there saying, "Whoa ho, don't tell me that". I don't want to hear it. I don't want to hear it." Do you know why? It's because they don't want to be accountable. We're already accountable. You can't get out of it. I think he said it was for all. All are partakers of it.

Vs 20 *Because they could not endure that which was commanded.* There's the key. They cannot endure what God asked them to do. *And if so much as a beast touch the mountain it shall be stoned or thrust through with a dart:* Now he wasn't speaking of physical animals he is speaking of this beast (pointing to self). If I touch Mt Zion without having my heavenly nature revealed in me, I will die. I can't live. I can never ascend to Mt Zion without the Spirit of God taking me there. It's not something you do on your own, but Father desires to do that. So you have to get out of the way and let God do what He wants to do.

Vs 21 *And so terrifying was the spectacle that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)* The King James language here is not good. The language says *I am trembling because of the fear.* But you are come, what tense are those words? **BUT YOU ARE.** The tense is **present.** That means right **now.** So where are you right now? Mt. Zion. Do you know what that is? That's TABERNACLES. It's the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day. You are there! Doesn't that sound contrary to the lie that the serpent spoke in Eve? If you eat of this tree you will be like God. He's saying **you are. You are in Mount Zion.** When you arrive in Mt Zion the Holy of Holies you'll see God and what will you look like? You'll say, "Hey gosh He's just like me Huh! He's correcting what the serpent said, huh. Think about that.

Vs 22 *But you are come to mount Zion (to Tabernacles) and to the city of the Living God.* (Hello, part of the city). We're just part of the city? *The Heavenly Jerusalem and to an enumerable company of angels (messengers).* Hello post people!! Are you packed up and ready to deliver the mail today? I'm ready to deliver the mail. ... (The male son)....

Vs 23 *To the general assembly (or to the universal companionship),* that's what the language says. The universal companionship. Do you know what universal means? All. That means ALL companionship. That means everyone is accepted. Everybody is going to be there. You'd have to hire somebody to help you miss this. Now really, nobody's so stupid, they can't see it. They have to hire some of those Cherubim to come in and help them out. *To the general assembly or the universal companionship and the church (or the called out)* which is what? Christ, the first fruit of all creation. So we've been called to this general assembly, this universal companionship, the calling out of the firstborn. This universal companionship is the calling out. The only ones that hear this calling are going to be the ministers (or messengers) that will take this to the rest of Creation. Which is written where? In the spirit realm. It's not written on pages, it's written in our hearts. *And to God the Judge of ALL.* It says **ALL** here. So why are people jumping in the place of judging someone else? If God is to judge **all** then we

should not be judging anyone should we? Jesus said; get the log out of your eye so that you can get the splinter out of your brother's eye. Once I get my mind straightened up then I can judge someone else, with the mind of Christ and it's a righteous judgment. And it will not be condemnation. It's going to help to correct. It will be a disciplinary correction. *And to the spirits of just men made perfect*, literally it says the innocent and holy made perfect. We're made perfect by his death on the tree and his resurrection.

Vs 24 *And to Jesus the mediator*. That word 'mediator' in the language is the word: RECONCILER. He is the reconciler. And if we are to be like him then what are we supposed to do? We are to reconcile all creation back into Him. That's our task. Man, it's a big one. Why did he say greater works than these shall you do? Raising people from the dead physically, growing arms on people, opening blind eyes and deaf ears. He said Oh, son that ain't nothing. Look what you're going to do. You are going to reconcile ALL OF CREATION back to the Father. My God do you know what that means? It means that not one person on this earth is going to drop into the dust without you picking up their spirit and taking them back to Father. Do you realize the magnitude of that? Realize the magnitude of taking all of creation and returning them to the Father, my God, if you could just understand that. *And to Jesus the reconciler of the new covenant and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better than that of Abel*. Abel's name means transitory or temporary. He was the son of Adam, temporarily. You are the seed of Abel. Cain was the bad seed, Abel was the good seed, but he was a son of Adam, temporarily. This place that you're in is temporary, not permanent. And when you leave this, you're not going to some hell that somebody created. The book says you're returning to the Father who gave you life. That ought to make you so happy that you scream it to the world. It ought to make you a messenger of reconciliation and that you're not going to go to some eternal hell but you're going to return to your Father.

Vs 25 *See that you refuse not the One that speaks*. I am not talking about Dave. There's someone else speaking here today. *Because if they escaped not who refused the one that spoke on earth, how much more shall we not escape if we turn away him that speaks(or the one that speaks) from the spirit realm*. I am not speaking by the flesh today. I am speaking from the Spirit. Don't reject what's from the Spirit.

Vs 26 *Whose voice then shook the earth*: It's Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever, if it shook the earth then it should be shaking earth in this room right now. There should be earth shaking things in our minds. We are made from

the earth aren't we? *But now he has promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only but also heaven.* Do you know what? You're heaven. He dwells in heaven and He is going to shake you so that everything of you falls off and the only thing that is left standing is the Christ. That should make you happy because that's some of those things, those misfortunes that God sends you're your life. You should be saying O thank you Lord. If your car blows up, say, 'O thank you Father. I've got to go in for a heart bypass, "Oh thank you Father, I'm going to learn something from this. I am telling you that our thinking process is perverted. God said it's for your benefit. When are you going to act on it? Do you know what the world will say? You are crazy. Do you know what? I don't care. Go ahead tell me I'm crazy and I'll tell you yes I am crazy about Him. I am crazy enough to do exactly what He tells me to do. I'm dangerous to religious folk because I'll do what He says. I am not going to hurt them, but I will expose them. All I can do is expose them. If I don't expose them they will never be reconciled. If someone doesn't come along and offend they will never change, and Jesus said offenses **must** come and I'm not afraid to step out and say what He tells me to say. If He tells me to say it then He has the power and authority. He is my high tower. He is my shield and strength. I don't have to worry about anything. They can't touch me nor take my life. Do you know why Job could say that? Because he knew that his life was of God and nothing in spirit dies.

Vs 27 *And this yet once more signifies* (or literally the language says, 'makes plain by words') *the removing of those things that are shaken as things which are made in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain unchanged.* He's going to shake everything and whatever is made in your mind or whatever earthly dust realm things that you have created through your cherubim, are going to fall away. Guess what, when you get done there's only one thing left. What is it? **It's the Christ in you.** That ought to make you happy. That will be a real revealing of your identity.

Vs 28 *Wherefore we receive a kingdom which cannot be moved* (literally it says that it is 'unshakeable'. Because of those things that have happened, the kingdom that we receive, through Christ, is unshakeable. Nobody can touch it. No one can shake the foundation of Christ within you. Oh God this is good, I'm telling you. *Through which we may serve God,* (literally in a manner well-pleasing, is what the word acceptable means) *with reverence* (or literally *awe in Godly reverence*). That is how we are going to serve God. When you know that you have received this Kingdom and you come to this confidence level and know what's going on, now you can serve God in **full confidence, with reverence and awe!** And before that,

guess what I can't do? I can't do those things. It's impossible. He's laid this out so plain. He said that He made it plain that everything that can be shaken was going to be shaken and removed so that there's nothing left except Him. Right? And when it's ALL Him left, then guess what? Did Jesus have any problem serving God? Did he? Did he ever have a complaint? No. Did he ever murmur and complain? No. Did He have the power to accomplish anything he was told to do? Yes. Hello, **there's a pattern here** if you look at it. When you come to this place that these things speak of, you can do all these things. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Every bit of it!

Vs 29 *For our God is a consuming fire...*I've heard this taught a lot of ways. "God's going to consume you if you're bad". No! God's going to consume you because you are bad, but what he's going to consume is you and the Spirit of God in you is going to remain and will be reunited with that same Spirit that you are of. The fire burns up all these natural things. It is all wood hay and stubble, but the gold, silver and precious stones are all going to be purified through the fire and we're going to be united back to our Father.

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