

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

THEME - JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.
A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 12:3-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

ALL IN THE FAMILY

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest.
In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the Law, being the centrality of those ministries.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

rest, hope, promises, oaths, immutability, blessings, Gods' faithfulness

Hebrews 12:3-11

3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. **4** You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. **5** 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;

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 there whom a father does not chasten? **8** But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

9 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? **10** 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. **11** 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.

"When we fail to recognize that the very issues of our lives are somehow, sometimes out of God's reach or watchful eye – we will inevitably descend into a dark place where we feel that all is lost." WELL, I AM HAPPY TO say - WE'RE ALL WRONG!

"I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free."

Michelangelo

Michelangelo, the famed Italian artist and sculptor, once said, *"I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free."* This quote beautifully captures the essence of Michelangelo's artistry and approach to his craft. It speaks to the transformative power of the artist's vision and his relentless pursuit to bring that vision to life. Michelangelo saw the reality of the finished creation hidden within a block of marble, and through his masterful hands, he chiseled away the excess until the angel that he envisioned within the stone, was finally set free."

ALL IN THE FAMILY

1.) Welcome to the family of God

vs. 3-5

Verse 3

3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

EXCUSE ME PLEASE – BUT WHY DO WE NEED TO SUFFER?

Define the Reasons for Suffering

- 1) **The General Order for Suffering = The world is fallen**
- 2) **The Individual Order of Suffering = Personal Sin of Rebellion**
- 3) **The National Order of Suffering = Cultural / Societal Captivity/Illness**
- 4) **The Specific Order of Suffering = The Christian's Persecution**
- 5) **The Restorative Order to Suffering = The Believers Individual Growth**
- 6) **The Appointed Order to Suffering = The Development of Holiness**

Proverbs 3:5-13

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; **6** In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. **7** Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. **8** It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones. **9** Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; **10** So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine. **11** My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; **12** For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son *in whom* he delights. **13** Happy is the man *who* finds wisdom, and the man *who* gains understanding;

Verse 4

4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

Resisted grk: antikathistemi
to grapple with, to set in battle array, to face off with.
i.e. *to go toe to toe with another. to enter the ring.*

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Verse 5a

5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

Verse 5b

*“My son,
do not despise the chastening of the LORD,*

Chastening grk: paideia
the rearing or parenting of a child, training, instructing, discipline, educating, shaping.

Verse 5c

Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

Discouraged grk: ekluo
to release or to untie from, to become faint, to grow weary to the point of exhaustion, giving up or quitting

Rebuked grk: elegcho
to reveal or to expose the flaw, to convict, to point out what is foreign and not desirable.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

2.) Belonging to Him alone

vs. 6-8

Verse 6-8

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 there whom a father does not chasten? **8** But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

In a Very Real Way – We Share His Name.

BEWARE OF THE EASY LIFE

Verse 6

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

Loves aga’pa’o
the love of God, to love and to be loved by God who is Himself love.: —

Scourges mastigoo
to lay strips upon, to lash or to inflict pain.

Jack – Wait Just One Minute Here.
This Sounds Like Punishment (?)



I have one word for you… Job

Psalms 32:4

For day and night Your hand was **heavy upon me**; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer.

Psalms 88:7

Your wrath lies **heavy upon me**, and You have afflicted me with all Your waves.

Lamentations 3:20-23

My soul still remembers and sinks within me. 21 This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. 22 Through the LORD’S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Verse 7

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

Who Are His Sons? (Children)

John 10:1-18

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. **2** But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. **5** Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” **6** Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. **7** Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. **8** All who *ever* came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. **9** I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. **10** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. **11** “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. **12** But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. **13** The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. **14** I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. **15** As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. **16** And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd. **17** “Therefore, My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. **18** No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

Verse 8

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

Illegitimate nothos

a bastard child, baseborn, having no pedigree, no line of lineage

ALL IN THE FAMILY

3.) Prepared for the real world environment

vs. 9-11

Verse 9a

9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect.

Verse 9b-10

Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? **10** 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.

Verse 11

11 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.

James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, **3** knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. **4** But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

End of Study

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