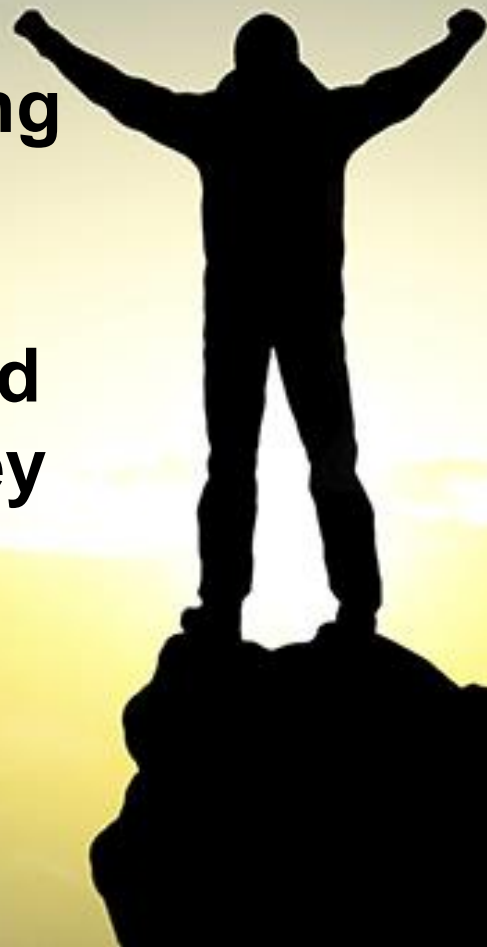


Hebrews 11:40

» 39 † And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

» 40 † God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

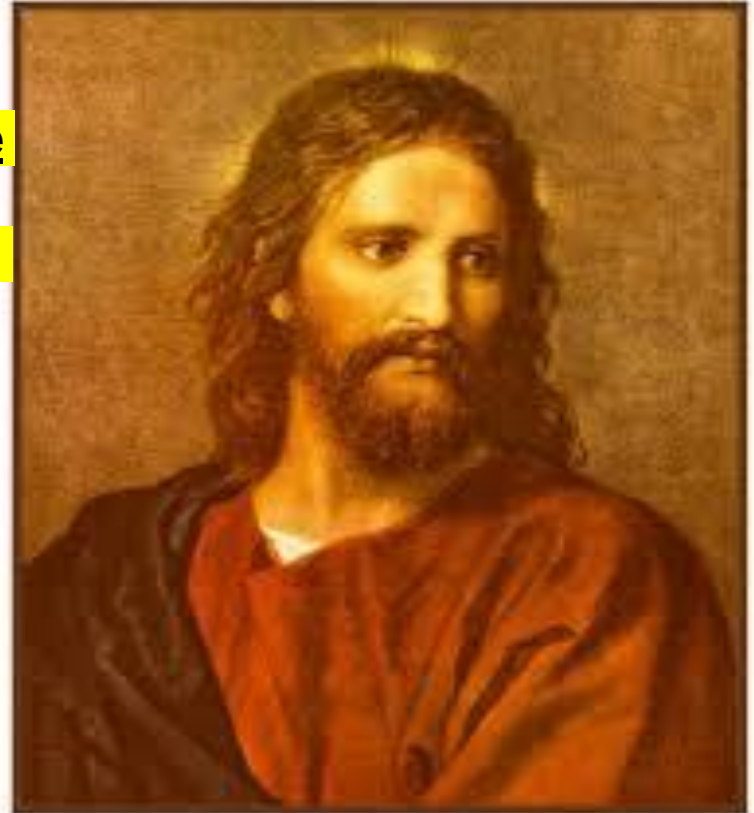


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THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_
JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

You get it? These people who died, in here, are depending and waiting on us. So, this Church has got to come to perfection, in order to bring the resurrection. And they're under, souls under the altar, waiting for this Church to come to its perfection, that when Christ does come.

368 And this Church, you see, **is coming smaller, in the minority.** [Brother Branham refers to his chalkboard drawing--Ed.] It's a whole lot sharper than that, but just like to write that cross there, see. **It's come up to a needlepoint.** Until, the Church, in the minority, **has got to get into a place until it's the same kind of a ministry** that this left, because, when this Headstone comes back.



HEBREWS 12:1

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and **let us run** with patience the race that is set before us,



I Corinthians 9:24

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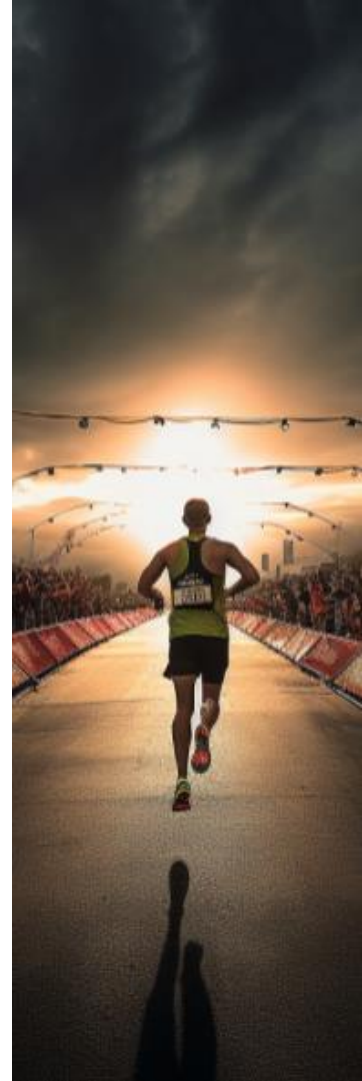
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1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, **but one receiveth the prize**? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But **I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.**



HEBREWS 12:2

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** ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

» 4 † Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.



ENDURANCE

the fact or power
of **enduring** an **unpleasant**
or difficult process or
situation **without giving**
way.



ENDURANCE

the ability to withstand
hardship or adversity



» 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:

» 6 † For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

» 7 † **If ye endure chastening**, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

» 8 † But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.



51-0501 EXHORTATION.OF.DIVINE.HEALING_ LOS.ANGELES.CA TUESDAY_

« E-11 † Now, sometimes, I will admit this, that our heavenly Father sometimes **chastens us with sickness**, permitting Satan to do it, to try us sometimes to bring us back. If we go out of the way, then our heavenly Father might let something happen to us to bring us back. But it'll only be for the good. See?

56-0129 THE.SUPERNATURAL_ OWENSBORO.KY SUNDAY_

« E-9 † Our heavenly Father, we come to Thee on this sabbath day, raining on the outside, me... We might call it gloom, hazy rainy weather, but how could the farmer put in his crops if we didn't have much moisture this spring? There'd be no food raised; ground would be dry; people would perish. **We realize that this is like experience of a Christian. Sometimes we have to go through terrible chastisement, chastening of the Lord, many things to correct us that we'll be fruit bearing Christians.** Sometimes has to prune us, cut off, take away, take out of our hands. We think sometime, "O God, what are You doing to us?" But He knows what He's doing.

« 354-2 † LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.9

And now He says to His own, "As many as I love, I REBUKE AND CHASTEN." To rebuke is to reprove. To reprove is to 'expose with a view to correction.' Chasten does not mean to punish. It means to "discipline because the subject's amendment is in mind."

« 355-1 † LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE -
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- Herein is now set forth the love of God. He desired in love a family of His own, a family of sons--sons like Himself.
- There before Him lies all mankind as ONE lump of clay. Out of that same lump He will now make vessels unto honor and unto dishonor.
- The CHOOSING will be His own choosing. Then those chosen ones, born of His Spirit **will be trained to conform to His image in their walk.**
- He REPROVES with all long-suffering and gentleness and mercy. He CHASTENS with nail-scarred hands.
- Sometimes this Potter must take the vessel He is working on and thoroughly break it down in order that He may rebuild it exactly as He desires it. BUT IT IS LOVE. THAT IS HIS LOVE. ANOTHER WAY OF HIS LOVE THERE IS NOT. THERE CANNOT BE.



CHASTEN: *to correct by punishment or suffering*

REVELATION 3:18

» 18 † I counsel thee to buy of me **gold tried in the fire**, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

» 19 † **As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten**: be zealous therefore, and repent.

58-0529 JESUS.AT.THE.DOOR_ NEW.HAVEN.CT THURSDAY_

- And notice what our Lord said. "All that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." **Every son that cometh to God must first be tried, chastened, child-trained. No exceptions, every son that cometh to God must be tried.** And if we cannot stand the chastisement, then the Scripture says we become illegitimate children and not the children of God.
- And isn't it a grand feeling to know that God's grace has carried some of you here through twenty and thirty years of trials and persecutions. God did that for you: shows that you're a real child of God. And He has taken you into His fellowship. Someday in the face of all that has criticized you, you'll be glorified and made a body like unto His own glorious body at His coming. We wait for that blessed hope.

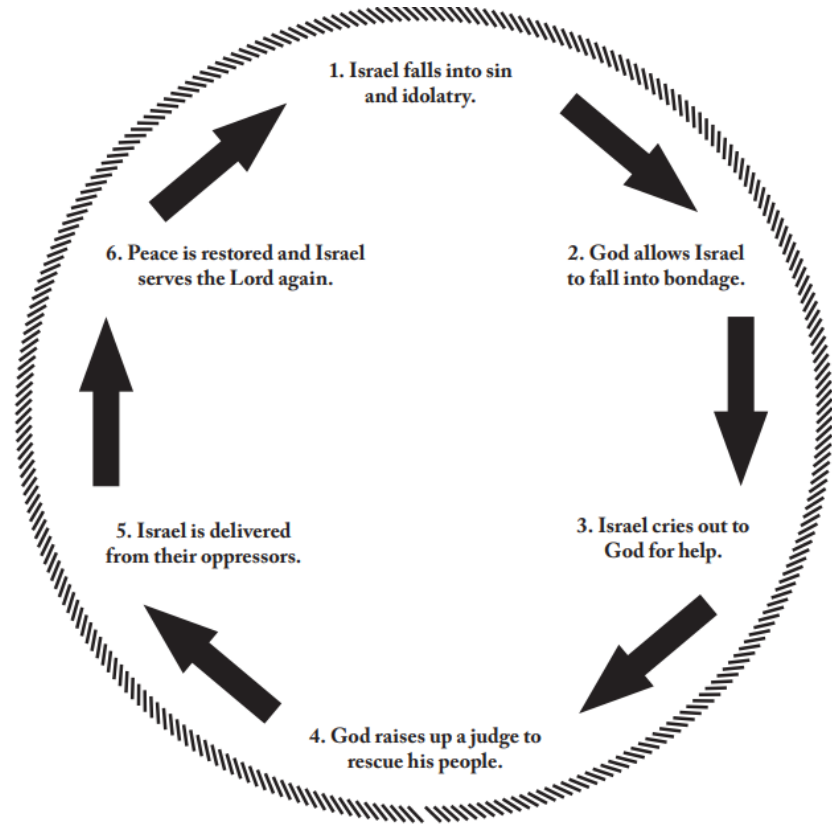
- And many people think, sometime, because **disaster** happens to a Christian, "Oh, he got off the will of God. They left the church; they went out...?..."
- Sometimes that's not right, because God chastens every son that comes to Him. **He cleanses him, and purges him, and tries, to see if he will stand.**
- That's what He was doing in the time of Job.



CHASTEN: *to correct by punishment or suffering*

- guilty feelings
- unpleasant circumstances
- loss of peace
- relationship fractures
- physical illness
- or even death
(I Corinthians 11:30)

Example: *the Cycle of Judges*



HEBREWS 12:9

» 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 unto 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 seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto 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.



HEBREWS 12:14

» 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 ye 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.

HEBREWS 12:18-21

» 18 † For **ye are not come**
unto the mount that might be touched,
and that burned with fire, nor unto
blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

» 19 † And the sound of a
trumpet, and the voice of words; which
voice they that heard intreated 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:)



Exodus 19

61-0209 JEHOVAH.JIREH_ LONG.BEACH.CA THURSDAY_

- Now, now, that covenant lasted Israel on up till they made their final mistake.
- **Exodus 19**, hundreds of years later, when God had... Look what grace had provided: the unconditional covenant, not on any grounds at all, but just on grace it was provided.
- When they were taking their journey to the promised land, as God had promised back here--Abraham, his seed, would sojourn in a strange land for four hundred years under bondage, but would come out.
- Look, they was already out from under the bondage.
- God, by grace, had provided them a prophet, a Pillar of Fire, a sacrificial lamb, a greatest revival they'd ever had; and they was standing on the banks dancing, beating tambourines, and having a real Pentecostal jubilee.
- **Everything, their enemies all killed behind them, and everything, and yet they wanted something to argue about.**
- **They wanted to get a law so they could have something to do into it.**

EXODUS 20:18-20

» 18 † And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

» 19 † And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.



...For **ye are not come** unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

60-1125 CONFERENCE_ SHREVEPORT.LA FRIDAY_

« E-33 † The children of Israel on the road back, they had another conference with God, Moses did at the Red Sea. We'll call that the Red Sea conference. When right in the line of duty lay trouble. And listen Christians: There's where you'll make your fatal mistake. There's where Israel made her fatal mistake. When she asked for a law to serve God by. In Exodus 19, after grace had done provided a saviour, Moses, a prophet, done provided a lamb, done provided a covenant, done provided all these things **and yet they wanted something to do themselves. They wanted some theology.**

That's what's the matter today. If we'd have left Pentecost the way it was at the beginning... **But we had to have something to argue about. We had to be oneness, twoness, threeness, Church of God...** Oh, my. All these riding hump-backed camels of one hump, two humps, three humps and so forth. **What difference does it make what--how many humps a camel's got as long we're riding in? What difference does it make, whether you're in a Ford or a Chevrolet, just keep moving.**

...For **ye are not come** unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

What difference does it make, whether you're in a Ford or a Chevrolet,
just keep moving.



HEBREWS 12:22-24

» 22 † But ye are come unto 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 in 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 speaketh better things than that of Abel.

HEBREWS 12:25-29

» 25 † See that ye **refuse not him that speaketh**. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

» 26 † Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

HEBREWS 12:27-29

» 27 † And this word,
Yet once more, signifieth the
removing of those things that
are shaken, as of things that
are made, that **those things
which cannot be shaken may
remain.**



MATTHEW 7:24-27

» 24 † Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

» 25 † And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

» 26 † And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

» 27 † And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.



HEBREWS 12:27-29

» 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.**

“He is a consuming Fire that burns up all your unbelief and your dross.”



HEBREWS 13:1

- » 1 † Let brotherly love continue.

- » 2 † Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

- » 3 † Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

- » 4 † Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

HEBREWS 13:5-8

» 5 † Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

» 6 † So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

» 7 † Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

» 8 † Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

HEBREWS 13:9-12

- » 9 † Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

- » 10 † We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

- » 11 † For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

- » 12 † Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

HEBREWS 13:13

» 13 † Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

» 14 † For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

» 15 † By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

» 16 † But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

HEBREWS 13:17-20

» 17 † Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

» 18 † Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

» 19 † But I beseech you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

» 20 † Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Hebrews 13:21-28

» 21 † Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

» 22 † And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.

» 23 † Know ye that our brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

» 24 † Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

» 25 † Grace be with you all. Amen.