

Christian Endurance – Heb. 12

Lesson 2

Run with endurance the race set before us – 12: 1-3

- Believers must remove the distractions, relationships, and sins that keep them from living by faith – 1
- Believer's must run with endurance the race – the life of faith in Jesus Christ – 1
- Believer's must look to Jesus our example of endurance – 2
- Believer's must meditate on Jesus example of endurance – 3

Endure the discipline of God – 12:4 -11

- Weary believers must remember they have not resisted sin to death – 4
- Weary believers must not forget God's word to them as children of God regarding His discipline – 5 – Pr. 3: 11 -12
God's discipline is life discipline – including trials to build endurance of faith
- Believers are not to ignore God's discipline – 5
- Believers are not to despair God's discipline – 5
Ps. 39:10 – remove your plague from me I am consumed by the blow of your hand
Ps. 73:14 – for all day long I have been plagued and chastened every morning
Jud. 6:13 – but now the Lord has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites
Pr. 24:10 – if you faint in the day of adversity your strength is small
- Believers should remember that God's discipline is fatherly love for His children 12:6
Pr. 3:12 – for those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives
Lam. 3:19 – 22 – The Lords lovingkindnesses never cease, for His compassions never fail
Ps. 119:67, 71 – before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word...It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes.
- Believers endure to receive God's fatherly discipline – 12:7 It is for discipline that you endure
- All believers experience God's fatherly discipline – 12:8
- Believers must willingly submit to God's fatherly discipline – 12:9
Lam. 3: 19 – 32 – let him sit alone and be silent...
God's fatherly discipline is for good & to form holiness in us – 12:10
God's fatherly discipline is sorrowful but it's training brings peaceful fruit of righteousness – 12:11 – 13

Pursue peace and holiness of life – 14 -17

- Believers with the peaceable fruit of righteousness seek peace with all people - 14
12: 11 – all discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful, yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness
James 3:17 – but the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy
- Believers pursue personal holiness – 14 (1 Tim. 4:7)
Sanctification – Lit. the purification, or consecration
2 Thess. 2:13 – God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth
1 Pet. 1:3 – according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood
- Believers must pursue peace & sanctification and not come short of God’s grace living in bitterness & regret – 15 -17
Esau the picture of coming short of grace
He lived with bitterness toward his brother
He lived in ungodliness & disobedience to God’s purposes
He lived without repentance

Live by faith with heavenly mindedness & hopefulness – 12: 18 -24

- Believers no longer live under the terror & fear of hearing God speak to them – 18 – 21 – the dread of the law
The mountain of fear & dread in the holiness of God – Mt. Sinai
Ex. 19:11 – you shall set bounds for the people all around, saying beware that you do not go up on the mountain or touch the border of it; whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death
- Believers now come to Mt. Zion – glory of God’s grace - 22 – 24
Mt. Zion the heavenly city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem
The inhabitants of the city – myriads of angels, the church of Jesus Christ the firstborn, enrolled in heaven – Phil 3:20
God the judge of all rules
The spirits of the righteous made perfect – old testament saints
Jesus the mediator of a new covenant & his sprinkled blood better than Abel
Blood of Christ speaks from heaven of God’s mercy for sinners

Listen to God’s promise looking ahead to the unshakable kingdom of God – 12: 25 – 29

- Believers must be careful to hear what God is saying as He shakes the world – 25
- Believers listen to God’s promise of the final shaking of the world at Jesus coming – 26 -27 - Hab. 2:6 – the new heaven & earth after the return of Jesus
The unshakable that remains is the eternal – nothing else remains
- Believers have received the kingdom of God that cannot be shaken, eternal – 28
Show gratefulness to God offering acceptable service with reverence & awe
- Believers must remember that God is coming in judgment to the world – 28 -29
2 Thess. 1:7 – Jesus will be revealed with mighty angels in flaming fire