

DISCIPLINE OF GOD — HEBREWS 12:5-11

OUTLINE — THEOLOGY

3 Reasons for God's Discipline

1. **RETRIBUTION** (Discipline when we sin)
2. **PREVENTION** (Discipline to prevent us from sin)
3. **EDUCATION** (Discipline to teach us)

RESPONDING RIGHT TO GOD'S CHASTENING

OUTLINE — EXPOSITION

1. Two Perils in Discipline (He.12:5)

A. Despise God's Discipline (v.5, "do not despise") [Taking it lightly]

1. **By Callousness** (become hardened not soften heart)
2. **By Complaining** ("God, you have forsaken me")
3. **By Questioning** ("You could have told me some other way")
4. **By Carelessness** (failure to change by not caring)

B. Despondent toward God's Discipline (v.5, "nor faint") [Collapsing in despair]

1. **By Getting Angry** with God saying, "I cannot do anything."
2. **By Giving Up** while doubting God even cares

2. Two Proofs in Discipline (He.12:6-8)

A. It Proves His Love (v.6, "whom the Lord loves He chastens")

B. It Proves Our Sonship (v.6, "and scourges every son whom He receives"; v.7-8)

3. Two Products in Discipline (He.12:9-11)

A. Results in Life (v.9, "Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live")

B. Results in Holiness (v.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")