

Hebrews part 9 - Looking Unto Jesus

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Looking unto Jesus

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,

2 Looking unto Jesus **the author <G747 - beginner> and finisher <G5051 - completer> 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.

Revelation 1

8 I am Alpha and Omega, **the beginning <G746> and the ending <G5056>**, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

We know the Father, ultimately, is the author and finisher of all faith. We have a great cloud of witnesses but it is Christ we are to look to and consider. His faith was perfected by enduring and resisting the contradiction of sinners.

We too endure the effect of the cross and should despise the shame others will lay on us for what we see and believe in the scriptures.

3 For consider him that endured such **contradiction <G485 - antilogia - gainsaying>** of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4 Ye have not yet resisted (**gainsaying**) unto blood, striving against (**the**) sin (**nature**).

Our greatest trials are seen in the sounding of the trumpets and in the testimony of the two witnesses.

Education and Training

5 And ye have forgotten the **exhortation <G3874 - encouragement>** which speaks unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the **chastening <G3809 - education or training>** of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loves he chastens **<G3811 - educate>**, and scourges every son whom he receives.

Proverbs 3

1 My son, forget not my law **<H8451 - instruction>**; but let thine heart keep my commandments:
Commandments to love God and love your neighbor.

2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

3 Let not (**God's**) mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

4 So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. (**To humility**)

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and **depart <H5393 - turn off>** from evil.

8 It shall be health to thy navel **<H8270 - What is twisted>**, and marrow to thy bones.

9 Honour the Lord with thy **substance <H1952 - riches>**, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

Hebrews 11:1

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for...

There is no way a person can honor God and say nothing. If we speak the truth in Christ there is no way we will not suffer persecution.

2 Timothy 3

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers,

disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate **concerning the faith.**

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Enduring the Training

9 Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns (**storehouses of the mind**) be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

11 My son, despise not the **chastening <H4148 - instruction, correction>** of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction:

12 For whom the Lord loves he corrects; even as a father ~~the~~ **(a)** son in whom he delighteth.

Matthew 3:17 - Christ's baptism

Hebrews 2

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, **to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.**

Christ would not have suffered if He had never spoken truth.

7 If ye endure chastening **<G3809 - education or training>**, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chastens not?

8 But if ye be without chastisement **<G3809 - education or training>**, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Healed to Speak

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 **<G3811 - educate>** us **after their own pleasure; but he for our profit**, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

11 Now no chastening **<G3809 - education or training>**, for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

11 and all chastening for the present, indeed, doth not seem to be of joy, but of sorrow, yet

afterward the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those exercised through it--it doth yield. (YLT)

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.

In essence, allow God to heal us of our fear to speak that we may do the work He has called us to.

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

*15 Looking diligently lest any man **fail of (manifesting) the grace of God**; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;*

In giving the message we must manifest God's graciousness to those who resist the truth.

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 (in his father), though he sought it carefully with tears.

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 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:)

We have not come to a God that causes fear and condemnation.

22 But ye are come unto mount Zion, 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 speaks better things than that of Abel.

25 See that ye refuse not him that speaks. 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 speaks 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.

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.

God will use His church to shake the heavens and earth. He is preparing them to withstand the adversity and be filled with the fullness of His love.