

Blessing and Discipline

Leviticus 26:1-46

Main Point:

Enjoy God's blessing and learn from His discipline by quickly repenting and loving His law.

1. God commands obedience to His law for His covenant people.
2. There is blessing for you to enjoy when you obey the law of God.
3. There is discipline for you to learn from when you disobey the law of God.
4. As a result, be quick to repent of your sin and love the law of God.

Allen Ross "The general idea is that the great king who made the covenant ... and delivered the people from bondage to another nation ... demanded their absolute allegiance."

John Currid "The repetition is emphatic in order to highlight the absolute centrality of the Sabbath and the sanctuary for the holiness of Israel."

Kenneth Mathews "In chapter 26 the Lord sets before the people the choice between obedience and disobedience and describes the consequences that will ensue in each case."

1 Timothy 4:8 8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. (NKJV)

1 John 2:3 3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. (NKJV)

Allen Ross "Even though God can and does bless with material blessings today, he does not always do so. In fact, he can give spiritual blessings without physical ones, even though ultimately he will grant them all."

Kenneth Mathews "The forewarnings are more detailed than the benefits because the force of the forewarning was the likelihood of its necessity. Disobedience was the predisposition of Israel ..."

Kenneth Mathews "The people have the responsibility of right behavior. If the penalties rain upon Israel, it is the people's own fault, not fickleness on God's part."

John Currid "It is important to note ... that God brings these sufferings on his people not to destroy them but to 'chasten', or 'discipline', them. The purpose of these judgments is restoration, not annihilation."

Hebrews 12:5-6, 11 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 ...* 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. (NKJV)

Psalms 119:97, 101 97 Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day ... 101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word. (NKJV)