

“God’s Gracious Hand of Discipline”

Portrait of Our
Perfect High Priest

Hebrews 12:5-11
part 47

INTRODUCTION

- the normal human response to pain and suffering

Heb. 10:32-34

- the message of Hebrews 10-12
 - + _____ affliction
 - + _____ affliction

1. The meaning of discipline

- “discipline” =

Hab. 1:12; Prov. 13:24
Prov. 12:1; Eph. 6:4
2 Tim. 3:16

2. God’s place in discipline

- standing with us

Is. 43:1-2; Heb. 13:5

- wielding affliction (but not evil)

Heb. 11:36; 12:6; Is. 53:5, 10
Is. 45:7

- the extent of God’s Sovereignty

- ✓ over the _____ of sinners
- ✓ over the _____ of life
- ✓ over the _____ of our bodies

Ex. 4:10-11

3. The benefits of God’s discipline

- a. God demonstrates His _____. (12:6)
- b. God confirms my _____. (12:7-9)
- c. God yields _____ in me. (12:10)
- d. God produces _____ in me. (12:10)
- e. God trains me in _____. (12:11)

“And so what do I say? I say let the rains of disappointment come, if they water the plants of spiritual grace. Let the winds of adversity blow, if they serve to root more securely the trees that God has planted. I say, let the sun of prosperity be eclipsed, if that brings me closer to the true light of life. Welcome, sweet discipline, discipline designed for my joy, discipline designed to make me what God wants me to be.”
– author unknown

CONCLUSION

“By affliction [the Lord] shows us our emptiness and weakness, draws us to the throne of grace, purifies our affections, weans us from the world, and makes us long for heaven.” – J.C. Ryle