

ESCAPING BITTERNESS

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11<sup>th</sup> message: **When God is not Seen**

Text: Hebrews 12:14-15

Theme: Keys to escaping the trap of bitterness.

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Why do some get bitter and resentful and others remain gracious when offended?

Examples: Ahasuerus and Haman vs David and Joseph

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**Gal 6:1 BRETHREN**, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, **RESTORE** such an one in the spirit of meekness; **considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.**

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**So you are hurt and your pride is exposed – how are you going to escape bitterness?**

Your temptation will be

**To punish** them for what they have done to you.

**To judge** them for how they have treated you

**I. Your escape – the pursuit of peace (v. 14)**

**II. Your escape – the grace of God (v. 15)**

The two worst plagues of the church: the absence of forgiveness, and the presence of bitterness. The two are connected!

Bitterness is like drinking poison and hoping it kills the one you hate