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FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVETH HE CHASTENETH

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SCRIPTURE READING: **HEBREWS 12:6-14**

Hebrews 12:6-8, For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. **7:** If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? **8:** But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

1. BACKGROUND

- a. As we approach the **Book of Hebrews**, we will find the first ten chapters reveal that Christ is better than the Old Testament rituals.
- b. The last section of this epistle is practical whereas the first section is primarily doctrinal. It shows that Christ brings better benefits and privileges.

- c. We need to keep in mind that it was written primarily to Hebrew believers who stood on the threshold of two dispensations; the law that had come to an end and sacrifices were meaningless after Christ went to the cross, however, the dispensation of grace is where God is giving righteousness for our belief is now coming into effect. **Hebrews 1:1-3**, *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2: Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3: Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*
- d. It ranks along with **Romans**, which is excelled by no other book.
- e. I want us to understand the teachings of the Scripture as it is

rightly divided, and we must be very careful to rightly divide the **Book of Hebrews. 2 Timothy 2:15**, *Study to shew thyself approved to God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

- f. **Romans 11:2** says, *God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. . .*
- g. It is very clear in scripture that Christ Himself is the vine and Israel is the branch. **John 15:5**, *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*
- h. The church has not usurped the place of Israel.
- i. God has made promises to Israel that He will literally fulfill at His second coming. **Romans 11:2**, *God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,*
- j. We cannot take the promises God made to Israel and

spiritualize them and apply them to the church.

- k. **Israel is God's time clock** and there is a purpose for the Nation Israel in God's future program.
- l. **God is calling out people for His name.** These people are called "the Church," composed of both Jew and Gentile. **Acts 15:14**, *Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.*
- m. When this process is completed, God will start the first phase of His second coming where He will take His church out of this world. That is the Rapture.
- n. At the second phase of His second coming, which is called the Revelation, **He will fulfill all the promises He made to Israel and the Gentile world.**
- o. There are some key themes from the **Book of Hebrews**:
 - 1. **Christianity is more than a religion; it is a relationship with Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17**, *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away;*

behold, all things are become new.

2. To be victorious we must run life's race with our eyes on our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
3. We can give our temptations to Jesus; He has already faced all of them and won the victory.
4. God desires His children to give strength of testimony to each other.
5. Only the blood of Christ can cleanse us from our sins.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the August 19, 2018 Morning Message for the Introduction.

3. SEVEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

- e. **For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth.**

1. **Hebrews 12:6-8**, For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. **7:** *If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?* **8:** *But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.*
2. Why do the righteous suffer? The Word of God tells us in **Job 14:1**, *Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.*
3. We also know that there will be some days that are considered valley time where we should be looking for the lesson we need to learn. **Psalms 34:19**, Sets the record straight as to why many Christians suffer. *Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.*
4. God provides a way for us to escape. **Job 5:7**, *Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.* Jesus tells us in

John 16:33, *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

5. Paul enlightens us in **2 Timothy 3:12**, *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*
6. We understand that there are reasons why Christians suffer.
7. Many times, we suffer because of self-inflicted wounds. We cause problems for ourselves many times and then we blame God. **1 Peter 2:20**, *For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.*
8. Faults are the sins we commit in making bad choices; as a result, there is suffering.
9. When we have self-inflicted wounds, it causes us to have

difficult problems. Let's correct our self-inflicted wounds and not blame God for the process.

10. Many times, we suffer because we stand for the truth in righteousness.

11. If you have convictions you will preach and teach the Preserved Word of God and you will have oppositions. **1**

Peter 3:14, *But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;*

12. When I am accused of not preaching the Word of God when I know I am, I am not to be disturbed.

13. We should not be misguided or blow our testimony because of what somebody thinks or says.

14. *That is the reason we do not come to church for somebody else- you come to church to glorify God and be a blessing to someone else.*

15. We suffer because of sin in our lives. Paul says in **1**

Corinthians 11:31, *For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.*

16. **1 Corinthians 11:28**, *But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.*

17. God will deal with us because of sin. God does not wink at sin any longer. **Acts 17:30**, *And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:*

18. When we are out of fellowship with Him we will be chastised. We do not lose our relationship, but we will lose fellowship.

19. The other reason we suffer is because of past sins and transgressions.

20. **Galatians 6:7**, *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

21. If we have done something before or after we are saved that is detrimental to our health, then God says what you

sow you will reap.

22. When He saves us, He does not give us a brand-new body. If we have damaged our body through things that we should not have been doing, we will suffer because of it.
23. The fifth reason why we suffer is there is a purpose of God in our lives. **Romans 8:29**, *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*
24. Paul was told that because of the thorn in his flesh he sought the Lord three times, but the Lord did not remove it. **2 Corinthians 12:8**, *For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.*
25. The Lord had a purpose in that. He might reveal that to us but then again, He might not. He says in **2 Corinthians 12:9**, *And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power*

of Christ may rest upon me.

26. In Job's life God used Satan to show that Job would not curse Him.
27. There is suffering many times because of what God is doing in our lives.
28. We must remember that we are a work in progress. This means there are things in our lives that God wants to get rid of. The best way to do that is put us in the valley.
29. Sometimes we suffer for our faith.
30. In **chapter 11** many demonstrated their faith and great victories were won because of it.
31. They were delivered by the sword many times. Some were even slain because of their faith.
32. If God be for us who can be against us? **Romans 8:31**,
What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?
33. Suffering also comes because God want to discipline us.

“If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?”

34. If we can get away with sin in our life, willfully disobeying God and we get no chastisement, there is something wrong and we need to go back and checkup whether we got a true conversion.
35. If our earthly father disciplines us, then should not our Heavenly Father do the same? He wants His children to bear a beautiful testimony to His glory.

f. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us.

1. **Hebrews 12:9, 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?*

2. This drops dynamite on us and tells us we are corrected by our earthly father and mothers and we give reverence to them.
3. Most of the time we don't give reverence to them when it is happening to us. My mother said many times that this will hurt her more than it hurts me, and she is doing it because she loved me.
4. At that time, it did not appear to be love. She was trying to mold me and make me what she wanted me to be.
5. When you look back from the positive side you see that every spanking was needed.
6. Sometimes there were lectures and discussions and talk that molded and shaped us into what we needed to be.
7. When we were younger we thought our parents were just wasting time.
8. The Bible says if you give your earthly parents reverence you will give your Heavenly Father the reverence He

deserves. **Exodus 20:12**, *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

9. When we are disobedient our Heavenly Father needs to discipline us.

10. That is the reason why we have the program we have here at Chesswood. To bring our children up in the discipline of the Lord. If they do not obey they might not be able to come. We cannot spend all of our time trying to corral the same ones who are making a fuss and not obeying. **Proverbs 22:6**, *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

g. For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure.

1. **Hebrews 12:10**, *For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure;* *but he for our profit, that we might*

be partakers of his holiness.

2. Mom and dad have only a small window where discipline can be enforced.
3. I am a father and I don't get involved in the business of my grown kids. But I did at one time have a window in which I could mold them.
4. Our Heavenly Father continues to mold us. **1 Peter 1:16**, *Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.* He expects for us to be disciplined and it is not for a short period of time; it is for our whole lifetime.
5. God is molding us to be conformed to the image of His Son Christ Jesus. **Romans 8:29**, *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

h. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous.

1. **Hebrews 12:11**, *Now no chastening for the present*

seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

2. In our school system; unless we have discipline in the classroom there is no learning that can take place.
3. When the teacher has to stop fifty times and say be quiet, it interrupts the learning of other students.
4. In the church, there are many who should be here learning but they thumb through the Bible and try to find mistakes of the pastor.
5. Why don't you just listen? Then once you go home you can check up on the pastor. (This requires studying your Bible, rightly divided.)
6. *"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous,"* - None of us appreciate the chastening we experience at the time it is given.
7. Notice that *"afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of*

righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.” – If

we are exercised thereby we are ready to run the race.

8. What makes a person run a race and win is endurance.
9. We have to endure certain things in order to win. We have to go through discipline and training. This is what God is talking about.
10. **Hebrews 12:5**, *And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:* - When someone is attempting to correct us we need to be willing to listen.
11. My parents and my wife’s parents instilled in us the fact that we were to listen. **1 Thessalonians 4:11**, *And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;*
12. *“nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:”* - When we are rebuked of the Lord Jesus Christ and chastening comes,

we need to realize that it is God attempting to set us on the straight and narrow.

13. If we do not accept that, then we miss the point that God is trying to teach us.
14. **Hebrews 12:7**, *If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?* – There is a danger in not responding to what God is doing. We take the passive approach and say oh this is what the Lord is doing. That is not what it is about.
15. When we are in the valley we need to understand that there is either a positive or negative attitude. If it is positive we learn the lesson if it is negative we learn nothing and many times continue in our sin.
16. *“Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are*

exercised thereby.” – The thing we are trying to get through is that the time we can win is in this life.

17. I do believe that God has intended for believers to have the abundant life. **John 10:10**, *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

18. Many people say when they get to Heaven everything is going to be all right. If it is not good enough down here on earth, then what are we going to do when we get to Heaven? **1 Corinthians 9:27**, *But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

Psalms 23:4-6, *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. 5: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou*

anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

19. We are to bear out the Christian testimony. We are not to learn the same lesson over and over again. Once we learn it we need to build on it.
20. We exercise our discipline when we are consistent with the things of God. We start a ministry we need to finish it until God decides to move us somewhere else.
21. The minute a believer hits opposition they are off and doing something else. This is not God's way of handling things.

i. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down.

1. **Hebrews 12:12, Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down,** and the feeble knees;
2. Don't go through life complaining and gripping with a

negative attitude. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**, *Rejoice evermore. 17: Pray without ceasing. 18: In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Philippians 4:8*, *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

3. As a matter of fact, God wiped out a whole generation for complaining. **Hebrews 3:9-11**, *When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. 10: Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. 11: So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)*
4. Why don't we just accept the will of God knowing full well that we are in His Word and His will that we don't have to

have feeble knees. We don't have to go around with our head hanging down.

5. **The most negative people on earth are those who claim to know Jesus as Saviour.** There is no reason for the negativity.
6. There are so many blessings He provides for. The only thing we need to do is count our blessings.

j. And make straight paths for your feet.

1. **Hebrews 12:13, And make straight paths for your feet,** *lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.*
2. We walk through this Christian life; we run the race. God says we are to make straight paths.
3. We are to yield to God putting Him first in our lives and walking according to the Preserved Word of God. **Psalms 119:133,** *Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.*

4. You cannot know the will of God without being in the Preserved Word of God. **John 7:17**, *If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.*
5. Commentaries will not get you in the right arena and put you in the right direction. **2 Timothy 2:15**, *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* **Psalms 119:130**, *The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*

k. Follow peace with all men, and holiness.

1. **Hebrews 12:14**, **Follow peace with all men, and holiness,**
without which no man shall see the Lord:
2. We should not try to act holy but the first thing we must do is realize God has a simple plan of salvation.
3. When we come to know Jesus as Saviour and get into

fellowship with God, we can follow peace with all men.

4. **Matthew 5:44**, *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*
5. No man can achieve holiness. We must realize that Jesus Christ is the one who is Holy and Righteous. **Romans 5:1**, *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*
6. We can never break peace with God it is a transaction between the Father and the Son. We can however break the peace of God which is fellowship.
7. If we get out of fellowship with Him then we have no peace.
8. The most miserable person is the Christian who outside of God's will and fellowship.
9. *"Follow peace with all men,"* - we are not to argue and

fight over the Word of God, we are to get saved and born again and attempt to win men and women to Christ.

10. We are also to strengthen the saints with our testimony.

11. Always remember we don't come to church for other people; we come for ourselves and for God's glory.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour my friend?
- b. If you do not know Jesus as personal Saviour today needs to be your day of salvation.
- c. It is a simple matter in coming to Christ:
- d. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- e. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- f. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath*

*raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **10:** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

g. Would you please stand?

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