

Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012  
The Letter to the Hebrews  
Part Sixty Eight  
Study Questions

1). Heb 12:4 ¶ *You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against [the] sin.*

a). Who has resisted to bloodshed striving against the sin?

b). Within this context what has Christ become for us? And which scripture did we look at?

c). What about the OT saints? Which scripture did we look at with regards to them?

d) Putting Christ's experiences and the OT saints' experiences together, what do they demonstrate for us and what encouragement can we take from these examples?

2). How is the race of the faith also described in Philippians Chapter 3?

a). Read Philippians 3:15-21 – what do these verses teach us?

b). Who are the 'mature' in v15 and how would we know?

c). Now whether we are enduring persecution or other means of testing our faith what must the end result be if we follow the pattern set for us?

Which scriptures that we looked at show us this?

3). Heb 12:3 *For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.*

- a). What does this verse tell us can happen to us?
- b). How do you think this could be possible?

4). *"My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;* - How does this verse describe the events of our race of the faith which would include persecution and other forms of testing?

- a). What does the word translated 'rebuked' mean?
- b). Where else do we find this same word used in scripture?
- c). So, what does it mean for the Lord to rebuke us?
- d). How would we see the leading of the Spirit in this?
- e). Read Romans 7:18-24 – what do we learn here about our sin nature?
- f). What does Ephesians 4:22 have to say about our sin nature?
- g). What do you conclude from all this?
- h). Rather than become discouraged what should we remember?

5). *For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.*" – What does this verse teach us?

a). What should we understand that it means for God to scourge every son whom He receives?

b). Which scriptures did we look at to help us with this?

c). How should we understand what is pictured for us in Christ's literal scourging and which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

6). Heb 12:7 *If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons* – What then should we understand from this scripture?

a). What would this mean for us with regards to our race of the faith?

b). Read James 1:2-4 – How does that which we have just studied impact our understanding of this verse?

7). Read Hebrews 12:9-10 – What contrasts do we see between fathers and the Father in these verses?

a). What does v10 teach us about the training from our 'human fathers'?

b). What does the phrase 'as seemed best to them' teach us?

c). All in all what would we conclude about the child training received from parents?

d). Can our heavenly Father's child training, if we are submitted to it, ever fail?

e). Does our heavenly Father ever make mistakes with us in our training? What would this tell us about the experiences we all individually have to go through?

f). Just to refresh our memory – what is the purpose of child training?

g). What profit will we gain?

8). Heb 12:11 *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.* – How is chastening presented in the first part of this verse?

a). What does the word ‘nevertheless’ tell us?

b). What does the word translated ‘yields’ mean? What do you think is being referred to by using this word?

c). What should we learn from the phrase ‘the peaceable fruit of righteousness’ – and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

d). What does the word ‘gumnazo’ mean?

e). What imagery is this word drawing from and where does it take us back to?

f). How should we understand being ‘naked’ in this context?

g). Read Proverbs 22:6 – what do you think about this verse?

