

## INTRODUCTION

- \* In chapter 10, as we transitioned from the doctrinal aspect of the book of Hebrews to the applicational aspect, the writer provided three exhortations to the church which ought to be the initial effect in our lives of the redemptive work of Jesus. We are exhorted to draw near to God with a true heart, to hold fast the confession of our hope, and to consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.
- \* We then transitioned to how these things could, and would, occur in the lives of the saints - "The just shall live by faith." We were then given many examples of normal individuals who lived this life of faith in marvelous ways.
- \* Two weeks ago we began to consider how we too can live this life of faith.
- \* Last week, we began to consider the race which we called to run in pursuit of this goal. As at the beginning of this applicational section, we saw that the focus of our faith - the focus of our journey - the focus of our pursuit - needs to be Jesus, YHWH incarnate! This pursuit will require us to be diligent and disciplined in our lives. Additionally, we saw that God, as our loving heavenly Father, will discipline us when we do not use self-discipline.
- \* Today, we will pick up our discussion of our pursuit in by considering our need for the Father's assistance and that of the rest of our "Family" as we press toward the mark!

## INSTRUCTION

### I. THE EXHORTATION OF OUR PURSUIT

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|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. To Lay Aside ...    | 1. EVERY WEIGHT           | 2. EVERY "GOOD STANDING" SIN |
| B. To Run the Race ... | 1. WHICH IS SET BEFORE US | 2. WITH ENDURANCE            |

### II. THE FOCUS OF OUR PURSUIT - Looking Unto Jesus!

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| A. Who He Is   | 1. HE IS THE TARGET OF OUR FAITH AND THE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH |  |
|                | 2. HE IS THE ORIGINATOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH              |  |
| B. What He Did | 1. HE ENDURED THE CROSS   | 2. HE ENDURED THE CONTRADICTION OF SINNERS |

### III. THE DISCIPLINE OF OUR PURSUIT

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| A. Self-Discipline (v. 4)  |   |   |
| 1. THE INTERPRETATION  | a. The Severity of our Resistance                                   | b. The Zeal of our Resistance... striving |
| 2. THE APPLICATION (cf. Matt 5:27-30; 19:9-12; Rom 6:11-14; 8:13; 13:14; 1 Cor 9:24-27; 2 Cor 6:14-7:1; Gal 5:24 Col 3:5; 1 Pet 4:1-3) |   |   |
| B. Parental Discipline (v. 5-11)   |   |   |
| 1. THE BASIS OF THE DISCIPLINE - Our Relationship! (cf. Proverbs 3:11-12)  |   |   |
| a. His Adoption of Us (cf. Gal 4:4-7; Eph 1:4-5; Rom 8:12-17)  | b. His Love For Us (cf. Proverbs 5:12; 6:23; 10:17; 12:1; 15:31-32) |   |
| 2. THE PURPOSE OF THE DISCIPLINE ... Our Profit!   |   |   |
| a. That We May Be Partakers of His Holiness  | b. That We May Bring Forth the Peaceable Fruit of Righteousness     |   |

### IV. THE TEAMWORK OF OUR PURSUIT (... a reflection of Hebrews 10:24-25)

#### A. The C \_\_\_\_\_

1. S \_\_\_\_\_ ONE ANOTHER
2. S \_\_\_\_\_ ONE ANOTHER
3. S \_\_\_\_\_ ONE ANOTHER
  - a. Pursuing P \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Pursuing H \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. The Rationale

1. LEST ANY ONE FALL SHORT OF THE GRACE OF GOD
2. LEST ANY ONE BE TROUBLED BY BITTERNESS
3. LEST ANY ONE SELL THEIR BIRTHRIGHT!

#### C. The Foundation

1. WE HAVE NOT COME TO MOUNT SINAI
  - a. The Description of the M \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The Description of the P \_\_\_\_\_

2. WE HAVE COME TO MOUNT ZION

a. The Description of the C \_\_\_\_\_

b. The Description of the C \_\_\_\_\_

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* How important is the body of Christ to you?
- \* How involved are you with ministering to one another? Do you connect with others in the assembly - outside of the facility?
- \* Are you "falling short" of the grace of God and struggling with bitterness? If so, are you willing to repent?
- \* Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* Read Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16. Discuss what to be our goal as an assembly and how the instruction of Hebrews 10 through 12 helps gives another layer to this goal.