

INTRODUCTION

- * We have spent the past seven weeks considering examples and applications which are the results of people living their lives by faith in the redemptive plan of YHWH which was completed in the sacrificial death of the Messiah. We have seen that in the face of the adversities of this life "the just shall live by faith."
- * Over the past two weeks, we have been considering the pursuit of faith which is laid out for us in chapter 12 - to lay aside every weight and "good standing" sin(s) which are hindering us from running the race which has been set before us. In order to accomplish this task, we need to have a proper focus - we must be looking unto Jesus, who is One who began the work in us and will be faithful to complete it. Additionally, this pursuit will require a great deal of discipline, and training, in our lives. That discipline is a two-fold process between our own zeal and the loving intervention of our Heavenly Father. As a loving Father, He trains us to be disciplined when we will not discipline ourselves.
- * Last week, we began to consider the fourth facet of this pursuit revealed in this chapter, The Need for Teamwork. We do not, nor cannot, live this life of faith as "Lone Rangers." The church is referred to by God as the body of Christ. There are many passages in the Word of God which talk about the importance of the body of Christ ministering to "one another." Today, we will continue that discussion.

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.