



***FIXING OUR
EYES ON
JESUS!***

In the Old & New Testament
*A Study in the
book of Hebrews*



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*A BETTER BIRTHRIGHT,
GOD'S LOVING DISCIPLINE*

12:4-13



The Father's Discipline

Striving Against Sin?

- **Our motivation in the race**
- **Striving = antagōnizomai**
- **Discipline = Training, Nurture . . .**
- **Shedding blood?**

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**SO THEN MY RECRUITER TELLS ME,
"YOU'LL BE LAYING BACK
ON SANDY BEACHES IN NO TIME!"**



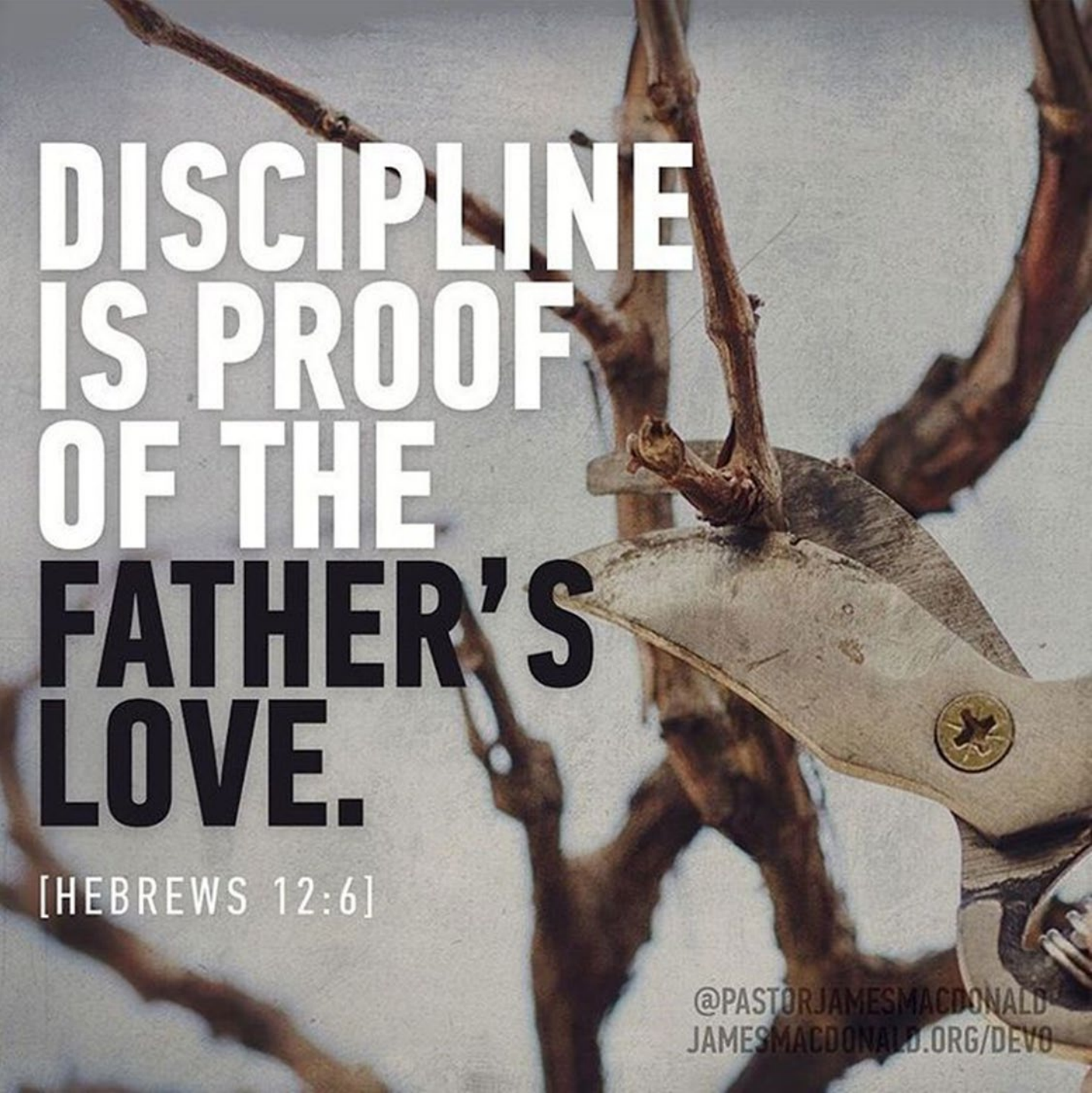
HE DISCIPLINES, who He loves

- **Why do some want no prisons?**
- **“Why does God allow suffering?”**
- **Discipline us to Disciple us!**
- **He disciplines us for our good!**

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"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every [branch] that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit."

John 15:2



**DISCIPLINE
IS PROOF
OF THE
FATHER'S
LOVE.**

[HEBREWS 12:6]

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**WHAT I THOUGHT PARENTING
WOULD LOOK LIKE...**



WHAT IT'S LIKE.



DISCIPLINE

You know they deserve it.

You need two \$5 bills. The child who drops the money first loses and the winner keeps the money - hours of peace. You can thank us later.



**I'm gonna appeal this case
all the way to Grandma!**



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For the LORD
corrects those
he loves, just as
a father corrects
a child in whom
he delights.

PROVERBS 3:12 (NLT)



Disciplines

- **Conviction, internal turmoil**
- **Loss of fruit, reward & blessings**
- **Consequences, brokenness**
- **Illness, troubles and death**

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DISCIPLINE IS
CORRECTION.
GOD'S CORRECTION
IS AN ACT OF
LOVE.

LOVE IS NEVER A
PUNISHMENT.

JESUS PAID IT ALL.

MAMMI.

Ever been disciplined?

- **Either you never sinned seriously**
- **Or, you didn't connect the dots**
- **Or, you are NOT His!**
- **Daily confession / repentance!**

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DISCIPLINE

is choosing
between what
you want now
and what you
want most.

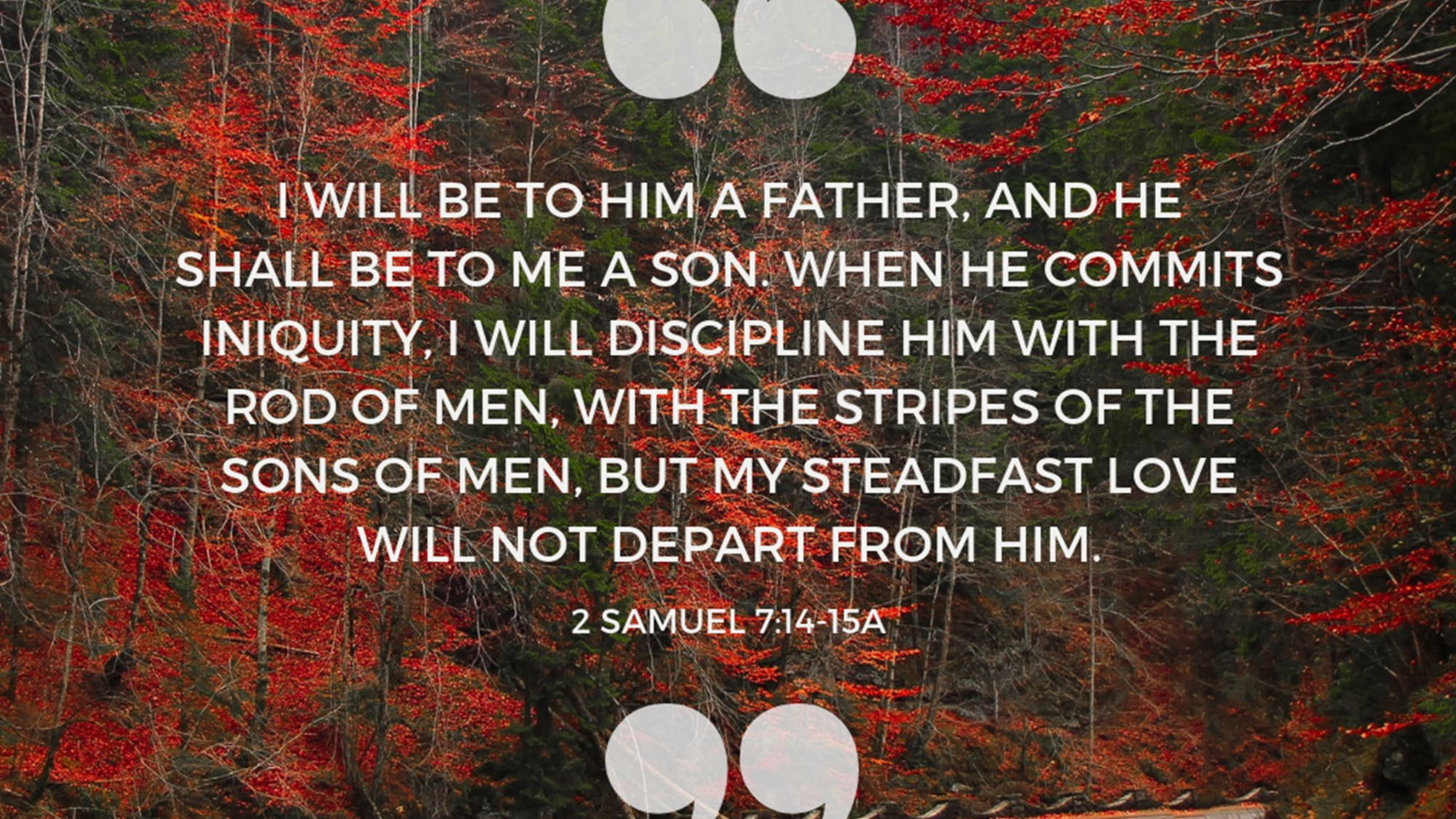


-Abraham Lincoln

Self Discipline

- **If we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged – 1 Cor 11**
- **Lords prayer – Lk 11 – “give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins ...”**

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I WILL BE TO HIM A FATHER, AND HE
SHALL BE TO ME A SON. WHEN HE COMMITS
INIQUITY, I WILL DISCIPLINE HIM WITH THE
ROD OF MEN, WITH THE STRIPES OF THE
SONS OF MEN, BUT MY STEADFAST LOVE
WILL NOT DEPART FROM HIM.

2 SAMUEL 7:14-15A



Trained

- **Strengthen hands**
- **Straight paths,**
- **Pursue peace**
- **Pursue holiness**

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Pursue Holiness?

- **Holy**
 - **Set apart, belongs to the Lord**
 - **Pure, unadulterated**
- **Holey – cross training**
- **Wholly – Rom 12** *FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS!*

**It is good for me that I was afflicted,
that I might learn your statutes.**

Psalms 119:71



Beware Bitterness!

- **Don't come short of God's grace**
- **It's a root, poison fruit!**
- **Springing up causes trouble**
- **Sold his own birthright**

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Bitter or Better?

- **Want to be Holy? Or sinfully Happy? What do you pursue?**
- **Do you prepare for a race?**
- **You are offered a birthright and a blessing; do you love them?**

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Never Sell Your

Birthright

Hebrews 12:2

2 Eph 2:8-10
199iah 40:28
Phil 1:6

purge the sin
unbelief
finisher

the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Discover, perceive, investigate
The disciplines of life, Jesus 12:4-11

In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons:

"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

to Prov. 3:11,12

because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.

"Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons." For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

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Hebrews 12

Scripture: Hebrews 12:7

"Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?"

Observation: We are told in verse 6 that the Lord disciplines those He loves. So any hardship that comes my way is God's way of refining me and working holiness in my life. I am able to share in His holiness!

Application: In verses 4-6, I am encouraged because my struggles could be worse. I've not yet shed blood over my struggles, even though sometimes it feels like I'm told not to lose heart; to endure because I'm sharing in God's holiness.

Prayer: Father God, what a powerful chapter you have given me today. Help me to endure the discipline you have given me at this time. You love me, and it is for my good! Help me to continue to do the holiest thing and know you are right there with me. Amen. ♡

THE COVENANTS OF SCRIPTURE

- Eternal Covenant** Heb. 13:20. The redemptive covenant before time began.
- Adamic Covenant** Gen. 3:14-19. The covenant conditioning fallen man's life on the earth.
- Noahic Covenant** Gen. 8:20-9:6. The covenant preserving human life and the covenant of human government.
- Abrahamic Covenant** Gen. 12:1-3; confirmed, 13:14-17; 15:1-7; 17:1-8. The covenant of promise regarding blessing, seed, and promise.
- Mosaic Covenant** Ex. 20:1-31:18. The legal covenant, given solely to Israel—laws governing all aspects of life.
- Palestinian Covenant** Deut. 30:1-10. The covenant regulating Israel's possession and enjoyment of the land of Canaan.
- Davidic Covenant** 2 Sam. 7:4-17; 1 Chron. 17:4-15. The kingdom covenant regulating the temporal and eternal life of David's posterity.
- New Covenant** Jer 31:31-33; Matt. 26:28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20; Heb. 8:8-12. The covenant of millennial blessings for Israel based on the death of Christ.

12:2 On the meaning of *author*, see note on 2:10. Nothing entailed more *shame* than crucifixion.

12:4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. None of the readers of this book had yet been martyred.

12:5-11 In these verses the writer discusses why Christians are disciplined. (1) It is part of the educational process by which a believer is fitted to

share God's holiness (v. 10). (2) It is proof of a genuine love relationship between the heavenly Father and His children (vv. 6, 8). (3) It helps them to be obedient (v. 9). (4) It produces the fruit of righteousness in their lives (v. 11). For additional teaching on this subject, see the book of Job; Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 1:3-4; 4:16-17; 12:9; Phil. 1:29; 2 Tim. 3:12.