

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for February 11, 2018

The Discipline of God
Hebrews 12:4-11

The word “discipline” (PAIDEIA) comes from the root word “child” (PAIS) and denotes the training of a child.

What do we learn about God’s discipline in Hebrews 12:4-11?

Those who do not view and respond to God’s discipline correctly will experience certain spiritual pitfalls (Hebrews 12:4,5).

The recipients of this letter while being disciplined by the Lord had begun to regard His discipline lightly (Hebrews 12:5).

The recipients of this letter while being disciplined by the Lord had actually become faint (Hebrews 12:5b).

Those who view God’s discipline correctly and respond appropriately will, hopefully, in the midst of their sufferings be assured of certain very important spiritual realities (Hebrews 12:6-8).

Those who view God’s discipline correctly and respond appropriately will in the midst of their sufferings be assured that God loves them (Hebrews 12:6a).

Those who view God's discipline correctly and respond appropriately will, also hopefully, in the midst of their sufferings be assured that they are in fact one of God’s children (Hebrews 12:6b-8).

The word “scourges” (MASTIGOO) in Hebrews 12:6 refers to flogging with a whip. It was a severe and extremely painful beating.

Those who view God's discipline correctly and respond appropriately will be benefited in extraordinary ways.

They, in subjecting themselves to God in the midst of their sufferings, will “live” (Hebrews 12:9,10).

They, in subjecting themselves to God to the midst of their sufferings, will also experience “the fruit of righteousness” (Hebrews 12:11).

May God give us the grace when we are in the midst of sufferings to view our sufferings correctly and to respond appropriately.