



*God Loves Us: Reasons for  
Disciplining Us*

Hebrews 12:5-11

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## 1.To Prove to Us (Hebrews 12:5-8)

**Proverbs 3:11-12, My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, <sup>12</sup> because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.**

**Deuteronomy 8:5, Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you.**

**Revelation 3:19, "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent."**



# Example: Anonymous Poem

**“I must not interfere with any child, I have been told,**

**“To bend his will to mine, or to shape him through some mold of thought.**

**“Naturally, as a flower, he must unfold.**

**“Yet flowers have the discipline of wind and rain,**

**“And though I know it gives the gardener much pain,**

**“I’ve seen him use his pruner sheers to gain**

**“More strength and beauty for some blossom bright.**

**“And he would do whatever he thought right.**

**“I do not know, yet it seems to me**

**“That only weeds unfold naturally.”**



## 2.To Punish Us (Hebrews 12:9-11)

**Psalm 89:30-33, If his sons forsake My law and do not walk in My judgments, <sup>31</sup> if they break My statutes and do not keep My commandments, <sup>32</sup> then I will punish their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.**

**<sup>33</sup> Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, nor allow My faithfulness to fail.**



## Example: David

- **2 Samuel 12:9-10, “Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife *to be* your wife, and have killed him with the sword... <sup>10</sup> Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house...”**



## 3.To Protect Us (Hebrews 12:9)

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10, And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. <sup>8</sup> Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. <sup>9</sup> And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.**



## 4. To Prepare Us (Hebrews 12:11)

**Job 5:17, Behold, happy *is* the man whom God corrects; therefore, do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.**

**Job 23:10, But He knows the way that I take; when when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.**



# *Now What Do We Do?*

## Would We Be Baptized For The Forgiveness Of Sins?

Hear Him (Romans 10:17)

Believe Him (Mark 16:16)

Repent Of Sins Against Him (Acts 2:38)

Confess Him (Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized Into Him (Acts 22:16)

Live For Him (Galatians 2:20)

## Would We Be Restored If An Erring Christian?

Come Back To Him (Matthew 11:28-30)

Repent (Acts 8:22)

Pray (James 5:16)

