
This Will Only Hurt For a Moment...Hebrews - Week 42

Proverbs 3:11-12 - NKJV

My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord,
Nor detest His correction; (Hebrews says "Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him")
For whom the Lord loves He corrects, (Hebrews says 'chastens' and 'scourges')
Just as a father the son in whom he delights. (Hebrews says "every son whom He receives")

Chastening - The whole training and education of children which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose commands and admonitions, reproof and punishment. It also includes the training and care of the body

Children

- *"The Biblical images of children add warmth and depth to the promises that God looks on us as a father looks on his children. Younger and different from adults in maturity and innocence, a child is dependent on others, in a position to learn, and reflects the present situation and future hope of his or her parents; above all a child is cherished. As children of God, we yearn for the contentment that comes naturally to children; we adjust our position to assume the stance of a child because we understand that Jesus said, "Anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it (Mark 10:15). Most of all, we rest like a child, content that He deals with us as a father deals with his own children." Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*

- God has compassion on His children - Jeremiah 31:20
- God never forgets His children - Isaiah 49:15
- God's children are free - Galatians 4:31
- God's children see Him and are transformed - 1 John 3:2
- God's children are overcomers - 1 John 4:4
- The right to be one of God's children is extended to all who would believe - John 1:12
- Holy Spirit confirms with our Spirit that we are God's children - Romans 8:16
- Children of God are children of the promise - Romans 9:8, Galatians 4:28
- God's children have a perfect example to follow - Ephesians 5:1
- Children of God are blameless and without fault (in the Father's eyes) in this world. And the world can see it - Philippians 2:15

A child's teachable attitude is a model for the Christian life

Matthew 18:2-4 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 9:48 "Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great."

Luke 18:16 But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

Human Father:

All sons are chastened by their fathers
No chastening = Illegitimate sons
Correction led to respect / reverence / fear
Chastening is temporary (For a few days)
Did the best they could
Painful in the present

God the Father:

All true sons of God are chastened by Him
Chastening = Sons of God
Chastening leads to life
Chastening is for our profit - To bring us together
Chastening brings us towards being partakers of
His holiness
Chastening brings eternal, peaceable fruit of
righteousness

Proverbs 3:11-12 - The Passion Translation

My child, when the Lord God speaks to you,
never take his words lightly,
and never be upset when he corrects you.
For the Father's discipline comes only
from his passionate love and pleasure for you.
Even when it seems like his correction is harsh,
it's still better than any father on earth gives to his child.