

# The World's Most Dangerous Doctrine

Chastisement Part I

# A Misapplied Passage

- Hebrews 12:5-11—see whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth.
- Scourgeth—means to flog or beat with a whip
  - Matthew 10:17
  - Matthew 20:19
  - John 19:1
- Hebrews 2:1-2—the readership of Hebrews has a reference point in God’s prophetic history. The writer of Hebrews is drawing their attention to some things they had already been taught.

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- Ephesians 2:11-12—the gentiles do not possess the same historical perspective because in time past we were strangers from the covenants of promise without hope and without God.
- Ephesians 3:3—the formation of the Body of Christ is the subject of the mystery, therefore, we have no prophetic reference point like the readers of Hebrews.
- So the question becomes if the book of Hebrews is not written to the Body of Christ does God still chasten believers and if so what form does chastening take?

# Two Important Definitions

- Psalm 94:10-12—the first definition is that of correction.
- This form of correction takes the form of instruction, the law provided correction which is a form of chastisement. Therefore, the first definition simply means to educate or inform with the goal of correcting.
- Proverbs 3:11-12--this second definition deals with keeping the law and fearing the punishment of God that is outlined in the Law.

# Deuteronomy 28

- Verses 1-14—delineate a series of blessings that would be given to Israel for following the Law.
- Verses 15-44—delineate a series of curses that would come upon Israel for their failure to comply. The Law contract said they would be cursed for disobedience.
- Deuteronomy 28:45—these curses would be designed by God to pursue after them until they were destroyed.
- Deuteronomy 28:46—this system of curses was to serve as a sign, that is a flag or indicator that would tell the nation where they were at with their relationship with God.

# Upon What Basis?

- Upon what basis would God deal with the Body of Christ this fashion?
- Exodus 14:13—here we see the physical intervention of God to save his earthly people from a physical enemy.
- II Corinthians 5:16—God does not deal with his spiritual heavenly people after the flesh.
- II Corinthians 5:19—if God is not even imputing men's trespass unto them today during the dispensation of grace upon what basis is God judging or punishing anyone saved or unsaved.

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- Colossians 2:13—believers have already been forgiven all trespasses. Why would God punish us for things for which we have already been forgiven?
- Romans 6:14-15—we are not under the Law system. Therefore, we are not under the sign program. The things that happen to us are not indicative of God's favor or disfavor with us.
- Romans 5:1—based on the merits of his son God is at peace with us. If God is a peace with out he is not out to destroy us when we mess up.