



Welcome To Open Bible Hour
Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

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“THE GRACE OF GOD”

Hebrews 12:12-21

April 27, 2014

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- 12 Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble,
- 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.
- 14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.
- 15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;
- 16 that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal.
- 17 For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.
- 18 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind,
- 19 and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them.
- 20 For they could not bear the command, "IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED."
- 21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, "I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling."

2 Cor 12:7-10

7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me — to keep me from exalting myself!

8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.

9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Heb 5:8

8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

2 Cor 1:8,9

8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;

9 indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

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I. Strengthen the weak. (12)

12 Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble,

II. Make straight paths for the lame. (13)

13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

Prov 4:25-27

25 Let your eyes look directly ahead

And let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you.

26 Watch the path of your feet

And all your ways will be established.

27 Do not turn to the right nor to the left;

Turn your foot from evil.

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III. Pursue peace and holiness. (14)

14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

IV. Allow no bitterness. (15)

15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

V. Allow no immoral or godless person like Esau. (16,17)

16 that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal.

17 For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

Gen 27:34-38

34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!"

35 And he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and has taken away your blessing."

36 Then he said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob, for he has supplanted me these two times? He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing." And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

37 But Isaac replied to Esau, "Behold, I have made him your master, and all his relatives I have given to him as servants; and with grain and new wine I have sustained him. Now as for you then, what can I do, my son?"

38 Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." So Esau lifted his voice and wept.

VI. Move from Mt. Sinai to Mt. Zion. (18-21)

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Mt. Sinai



GIVING OF THE LAW

- cannot be touched.
- blazing fire
- darkness
- gloom
- whirlwind
- blast of a trumpet
- sound of unwanted words
- a beast cannot touch or will be stoned
- produced FEAR and TREMBLING

Ex 19:16-19

16 So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

18 Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently.

19 When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with thunder.

Application

1. The trials, persecution, sickness and adversity we experience and endure are part of God's sovereign design for our good and our holiness.
2. How should we then feel when we are sick or in pain, or persecuted, or struggling financially? We should feel that God loves us and that he knows the best way for purifying and refining and deepening and strengthening our faith and holiness.
3. God pours His grace in us that we might endure to the end the race set before us.