**Spiritual Training**

God within conscious

Review:

Hebrews is all about transitioning from law to grace; From a Servant to son.

The dangers of never fully transitioning from one to the other produces an up one minute down the next yo yo quality of life that many of us are all too familiar with.

Walking in the mixture is a direct result of cross-training.

Servants of the law are trained by the law to recognize sin.

**Heb 5:11**  Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull **(illegitimate son, questionable father)** of hearing.

A servant sees himself from an undeserving point of view

**Heb 5:12**  For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

It is impossible for a born again child of God to reach full spiritual maturity if he draws back

**Her 5:13**  For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

**Heb 10:38**  Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

**Heb 10:39**  But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

A son is taught to be God conscious by the spirit of God.

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How do you become skillful in the Word of Righteousness?

Hebrews 10:14  For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Hebrews 10:15  Whereof **the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us:** for after that he had said before,Hebrews 10:16  This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;Hebrews 10:17  And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

The Holy Ghost writes kingdom principles on our hearts and reminds us that we have been perfected forever.

**Complete** completely furnished, fulfill, accomplish, consummate-bring to perfection

Hebrews 9:14  How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The blood of Christ eliminates the guilty conscience.

It is Impossible to become skillful in righteousness when the source of our righteousness is questionable. (illegitimate)

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset **[unable to become skillful in righteousness]** us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

What is that sin? Self sufficiency-law mentality, sin consciousness

**Heb 12:2**  **Looking unto Jesus** the author and finisher **[comes from same word as full age and perfected]**of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus endured our shame.

**Heb 12:5**  And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening **[training]** of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked **[refute-get rid of false ideas]** of him:

We have been led to beljeve that chastening involves taking disciplinary action. But the word chastening also means training.

**Heb 12:6**  For whom the Lord loveth he chastens, **[training, disciplinary correction]**and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. [**accept near, delight in]**

Scourging means the same as beating.

Jesus exchanged his life for ours.

Matthew 27:26  Then released he Barabbas unto them: and **when he had scourged Jesus,** he delivered him to be crucified.

Isaiah 53:5  But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

He took our beating.

Hebrews 12:3  For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

The Passion Bible adds some interesting light to the subject of scourging.

6For the Lord’s training of your life is the evidence of his faithful love. And when he draws you to himself, it proves you are his delightful child.”

There js a note attached to this verse in the Passion Bible. The Aramaic word for “draws you to himself” is nagad, which can mean “scourge” (severely punish) **or “to attract,” “to draw,” or “tug the heart.**”

The word scourge in Aramaic has two opposite meanings that can take the implications of verse 6 in two opposite directions. How does God train us? How does he scourge us? He writes things on our heart that draws us to him.

**Heb 12:7**  If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

**Heb 12:9**  Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us,* **[law training, punishment reward system-spare the rod spoil the child mentality]** and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and **live**?

There is a big difference between being subjected to the things held in place by the flesh and the things held in place by the spirit.

According to the Greek dictionary, the word **Live** n Hebrews 12:9 and the word **Word** in Hebrews 4:12 come from the same Greek word meaning to be quickened or become alive spiritually.

**Ephesians 2:5**  Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ **[to become alive together again, with Christ]**, (by **grace** ye are saved;) **6**  And hath raised *us* up together **[re-established the one in Him connection}**, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

According to the Greek definition the word, **grace** means: the divine inspiration of God upon your heart and its reflection in your life. In other words, grace is the Holy Spirit writing things on your heart that bring life because those words make us God within aware, or God conscious.

I encourage do a personal study on what the Holy Spirit [**grace]** reveals to us? We have some wrong ideas about what the Holy Spirit speaks to us because we have mixed Old Covenant principles with New covenant principles. The Holy Spirit is our “kingdom within” connector and draws us into a sense of oneness with God.

Hebrews 4:12 The Word of God is **quick** and powerful.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us come boldly to the throne of grace that we might find **grace** to help in time of need.

God will supply grace, or encouraging WORDS of divine inspiration that are designed guide us through our times of need.

**Heb 12:10**  For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure **[think, please, reputation]**; but he for *our* profit **[advantage, bring together, collect, bear together]**, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness

God uses the Holy Spirit to train us to recognize his presence within so we can be partakers of his holiness. He is our perfection!

He does it for **Our profit: The word** profit is derived from a Greek preposition that **denotes union ;** or coming together in such a way that it brings one to a sense of completion. It refers to a deep bonding that is more than just a casual association.

In other words, the Father of Spirits is training us to become deeply aware of our union with him.

1 Cor 12:7 the manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to profit withal-bring us into unity; together with

The Holy Spirit not only draws into an individual awareness of his presence within but he also draws all of us together in him in one body.

Hebrews 4:7  Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day **if ye will hear his voice,** harden not your hearts

**hear**-clearly discern

How do we hear God’s voice?

Hebrews 4:7 is a direct quote from Psalms:

**Psa 95:7**  **For he *is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture**, and **the sheep** of his hand**,** Today if ye will hear his voice,

**Psa 95:8**  Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, *and* as *in* the day of temptation in the wilderness:

Sheep of his **hand:** indicating *power; Sheep empowered by his direction*

God is training us to be led by His inner presence that goes with us wherever we go.

David Hebrews 11:32 David through faith wrought righteousness

**Heb 11:32**  And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and *of* Barak, and *of* Samson, and *of* Jephthae; *of* David also, and Samuel, and *of* the prophets:

**Heb 11:33**  Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Faith-persuasion that God will do what he says he will do-**How did David come to have this kind of deep seated confidence in God?**

Psalms 23 The LORD is my shepherd **[best friend, to guide by keeping company with]**; I shall not want **[lack, fail].**

God guides us by keeping company with us.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.He restoreth **[turn back to the starting point**-Adam and Eve walked with God in the coolness of the garden**]** my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: **for thou art with me**; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”(Psalms 23:1-4)

We modify our children’s behavior with the rod of correction.

God is training his children to walk in their inheritance and he is doing it with the rod, but He applies it in a different manner. In Biblical times, shepherds used to inscribe their staffs or rods with carvings that represented defining moments that carved out their lives.

Remember king David was a shepherd who killed a lion and a bear. These were defining moments that represented the divine intervention of God in his life.

Fast foreword to David’s encounter with Goliath. Why did David volunteer to fight Goliath? He was confident that the same God who delivered him from the lion and the bear would also deliver the nation of God that he represented from the taunts of the enemy. 1 Samuel 17:34-36

It is interesting to find out that when David went before Goliath, his slingshot and five stones were not the only things that he was armed with.

“And he took his staff **[a stick or rod used as an aid for walking, guiding, divining, sustenance]** in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.”(1 Samuel 17:40)

He took his staff with him! His staff represented the experiential confidence that David had in God. **It** **represented David’s God is with me testimony.**

“And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.”**(1 Samuel 17:43)**

It was not the sling shot that got Goliath’s attention when David confronted him. It was his staff! It was an insult to Goliath’s reputation as the mightiest man alive! **David’s sole defense was based on his confidence that God would show up and his staff was a reminder of that.**

“Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.”(1 Samuel 17:45-47)

God is training his children to walk in their inheritance and he is doing it with the rod. He is inscribing God inspired “ah ha” moments on our hearts that remind us that He is a “good shepherd” that will never leave or forsake his sheep.

Hebrews 13:5-6 *Let your* conversation *be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, *I will never leave thee, nor forsake* thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

"But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."  (Jeremiah 31:33-34)

The Father if spirits transitions us from our self centered awareness of our sins to a God centered awareness of the source of our perfection.

Hebrews 12:27-28 And this *word,* Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken **[waver, agitate, destroy, topple]**, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, **let us have grace,** whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

How do we walk on kingdom principles without wavering? We are empowered by the inner presence of God **[grace]** that keeps us company from within.

John 10:4-5 my sheep know my voice and they wont follow the voice of a stranger

I heard a story about someone who observed two shepherds leading their sheep in opposite directions. They stopped for a moment to talk and their sheep began to mingle with each other. As soon as the men were ready to continue on their separate ways, they simply whistled and the sheep fell in line with the voice they were familiar with.

This is what God is doing. He is training us to recognize his voice so that we can distinguish it from all other confusing voices that are trying to get our attention. Our everyday lives are full of voices coming at us from all directions; people, media, and even our own thoughts-how do we tell the difference? It’s all a matter of training!

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