

Hebrews 12

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12 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 us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, (cloud = a group – it's a figure of speech)

(run with patience = to run with endurance. We get rid of the weight of sin in order to finish the race through life; in order to achieve salvation. Impatience can cause us to fail. God's plan will unfold in His timeframe, not in ours)

1Thessalonians-4:17 (ignorant preachers have turned the term cloud <which is a group> to mean that the faithful will fly away, up in the sky. That is what they have named - the rapture doctrine. It started with a mentally ill woman who had a bad dream in 1831. That's ridiculous)

(The truth is that we will be here, in person, to testify for God in the synagogue of antichrist) see Mark-13, Matthew-24

² Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher 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 was God, in the flesh. HE taught us faith and how to live a good life in God's grace. Having lived and died in the flesh just like us; Jesus is qualified to judge us)

³ For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. (Remember what Jesus did for us. So, keep your faith strong)

⁴ Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. (They crucified Jesus)

⁵ And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: (Don't let the wicked world intimidate you and rob you of your salvation. When God corrects you, thank Him. HE just helped you get back on the right path)

⁶For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. (Good parents correct their children if they love them. That's tough love. The same is true of God towards us)

⁷If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? (Parents chastise their children when they do wrong, in order to raise them to do right)

⁸But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. (bastards = disowned, orphaned – better translation)

(It's up to us. Live by God's laws, which can mean chastisement when you do wrong; or you can abandon God and He will abandon you. On a spiritual basis, God is our Father. You can either accept Him or not)

⁹Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? (Men are nothing in comparison to God. HE created us. Please God, not man. When God corrects us, it is always for our betterment)

¹⁰For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. (Unlike parents, God is always fair. People try to be fair to their children but sometimes they are not. People make mistakes; God doesn't) Ezekiel-18:4

¹¹Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. (The peaceable fruit is love and charity – for God and for our fellow man; and peace of mind for ourselves)

¹²Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; (Help others who need a hand. Encourage people who need it. The best way to help people is to do so spiritually, in order to help them find salvation)

¹³And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. (Stay on the righteous path so as to never mislead others. Lead by example and you'll help yourself; and possibly others who follow your example)

¹⁴ Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: (Get along with other people if at all possible. Stay away from those that refuse to get along with you. That's on them, not on you)

¹⁵ Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Deuteronomy-29:18-20 (Beware of infiltrators who follow other doctrines or religions. Stay away from bitterness and conflict)

¹⁶ Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. (Fornicator = pornos <Greek> – a male prostitute; our word pornography comes from this root word)

(Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of porridge. On a spiritual basis, this was like he prostituted himself. That's why God said – Jacob I loved, Esau I hated) Malachi-1:2-3

¹⁷ For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears. (Esau repented to his father, Isaac; but not to God. Only God could have pardoned him) Genesis-27

¹⁸ For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, (This is Mt Sinai, when Israel was in the wilderness)

¹⁹ And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

Exodus-19:11-16 (The people were frightened when they heard the awesome voice of God. From then on, Moses acted as the intercessor between God and the people. At that time, God promised that He would later come as Messiah in the form of a flesh man, so as not to frighten people. That intercessor was Jesus Christ)

²⁰ (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

²¹ And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:.) (terrible = awesome – better translation. In old English, terrible also meant awesome)

²² But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, (Jesus opened our path to God when He rent the veil in the temple, at His crucifixion. We no longer need a high priest to intercede for us with God. Jesus Christ became our High Priest for all time)

²³ To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, (perfect = mature) (firstborn = God's elect; those who were justified during the First Age) Romans-8:29-30

²⁴ And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. (mediator = intercessor) (Jesus became the Passover Lamb – the perfect sacrifice for all time)

(Abel's blood cried out from the ground for vengeance. Jesus' blood brought us forgiveness and salvation)

²⁵ See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: (Bad enough that they didn't obey God in the flesh <as Jesus>; far worse if they don't obey God in Heaven <Yahoveh>)

²⁶ Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. (This will happen at the tribulation of Christ – the second tribulation at the 7th trump. The first tribulation comes when antichrist will deceive the whole world into worshipping him)

NOTE: (God shook the earth the first time at the Katabole – the rebellion of Satan. That shaking ended the First Age, and began this Age. At the end of this Age, God will shake the earth again, but this time, He will also shake heaven)

²⁷ And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. (The wicked ways of this world will be shaken)

Psalms-102 (The Word of God cannot be shaken. It is the rock that Christians stand upon. Jesus Christ is the living Word) John-1:1

Deuteronomy-32:31 (Their rock is not our Rock) (The Kenites' rock is Satan. Our Rock is Jesus Christ)

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: (The kingdom of God cannot be shaken or moved. God's salvation is guaranteed if we choose to accept it)

²⁹ For our God is a consuming fire. Deuteronomy-4:24 (Warming the good, consuming the evil)