

the discipline of God

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a great shaking

²⁵ See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven,
²⁶ whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once
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more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven."

²⁷ Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

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²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.
²⁹ For our God is a consuming fire.

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1. discipline is for sons

⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.
⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

hebrews 12:5-6 (ESV)

2. discipline must be endured

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

hebrews 12:7-8 (ESV)

3. discipline requires submission

⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

hebrews 12:9-10 (ESV)

4. discipline is painful

¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

hebrews 12:11 (ESV)

why discipline?

1. For strength and healing (v12-13).
2. For peace and holiness (v14).
3. For deliverance from a poisonous root of bitterness (v15).
4. For deliverance from immorality and godlessness (v16).

how God disciplines His children

1. Through circumstances.
2. Through brothers and sisters in Christ.
3. Through leaders (parents, teachers, coaches, employers, elders).
4. Through persecution.

a great cloud of witnesses

²² No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. ²³ You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God Himself, who is the judge over

hebrews 12:22-24 (NLT)

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all things. You have come to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect. ²⁴ You have come to Jesus, the One who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel.

hebrews 12:22-24 (NLT)

