

Book of Hebrews
Adult Sunday School Class
Faith Baptist Church 2010-2011

Lesson 15: Hebrews 12 – Appeal for Endurance in the Race

1. *Surrounded by witnesses – those who have testified—is a motivation for persevering*

See 11:2; 11:4 (twice in this verse); 11:6; 11:39

2. *Steps in running the race*

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Lay aside every _____

Also lay aside _____

Run the race with _____

(Notice that it is the race that is set before us. Not someone else's race.)

Keep your eyes on _____ who finished his race successfully

3. *What were the characteristics of Jesus' race?*

He Himself is the _____ and _____ of faith.

He saw the _____ of a successful completion.

As a result He _____ the cross.

He _____ (looked down upon, scorned) the shame.

He concluded His race with triumph.

4. *What are we to consider as we look at Him and His example? (vs 3-4)*

Consider the _____ He endured from sinners.

Consider that you have not resisted to _____ in striving against sin.

5. *Don't forget the exhortation regarding chastening. (vs 5-11)*

Do not _____ it. (v 5)

Do not be _____ by it. (v 5)

Because God disciplines those He _____. (v 6)

Discipline means instruct, train or educate. (The word "chasten" in this passage is the word for child discipline. The word "scourge" in verse 6 means "whip" and is the only place in this passage where that word is used.)

God disciplines for our profit that we may partake in His _____ (v 10).

According to verse 14, without holiness we won't _____.

Chastening yields the peaceable fruit of _____ to those who are trained by it. (v 11) Trained is the word from which we get our word "gymnasium".

6. How are we to respond? (vs 12-17)

Straighten up! Don't be discouraged. (v 5). Instead of feeling all droopy and defeated, straighten up, stand tall and move forward.

Make straight paths for your feet. In this way your lameness, your struggles and temptations and weaknesses won't get worse.

Pursue _____ and _____. (vs 14)

Watch out for others also. (see also 4:1; 10:24 and Jude 22, 23)
He especially points out bitterness, sexual immorality and profane (worldly, godless, unholy).

7. How can we respond this way? -- A comparison of two approaches

What are the characteristics of the mountain to which we have NOT come?
(vs 18-21)

What are the characteristics of the mountain to which we HAVE come?
(vs 22-24)

8. One more warning (vs 25)

See also Heb 2:2,3; Heb 6:4 ff; Heb 10;

There is no other offer of salvation. This is it. There is an unshakeable kingdom coming and therefore we should focus on the promise of that kingdom and the way of salvation the king provides. (See also 2 Peter 3:10-13)