

## **Divine Discipline** (Hebrews 12:3-11)

**Main Point:** Suffering is not a sign that you have been abandoned by God, but rather are loved by him and therefore you can endure trials as his loving discipline for your good.

### **I. Trials Train**

- A little Perspective
  
- Two common errors
  1. Regard lightly the discipline of the Lord
  
  2. Grow weary under the discipline of the Lord

### **II. Discipline Reminds**

- We are loved by God our Heavenly Father
  
- Our trials have purpose and meaning and are for our good
  
- 2 Questions:
  1. Are all trials meant as the discipline of the Lord?
  
  2. If our trials are for our training, is it wrong to pray for them to cease?

### **III. Discipline Rewards**

- Yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness, holiness and nearness to our Savior.

**Application Questions:**

- Is God's discipline through trial a comfort to you or a dread? Why?
- Are there ways in which you have been regarding lightly the discipline of the Lord? How so?
- Are there ways you have grown weary under the discipline of the Lord?
- Where are you tempted to "throw in the towel" and quit?
- If you are in a season of trial now, what promises from God's word can you cling to build faith?
- How does looking to Jesus and His suffering on your behalf help you in the midst of trial?