

Forfeiture of Inheritance

Heb 12:1~3 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**, 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. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

*The above verses instruct us to “focus on the race that is set before us by **laying aside** every sin that so easily befalls us.” The key words are **lay aside**. We are to lay aside, put away the sins that we are engaged in, their weight or burden that entangles or impedes us from becoming like Christ. Yet many of us walk as if we are participating in a game played with no permanent penalties attached. We soil our garment as we play in Satan’s play ground, wanting a deluded mindset that dismisses the sense of urgency of time and bleach (repentance) required to transform us into being “white” before He calls.*

Heb 12:4~8 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. 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: **For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth**, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. **“If ”**ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? **But if ye be without chastisement**, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

***For whom the Lord loves He chastens**, and **if** we endure that chastening, correction for our good, we can partake as a son in His estate. **But...if** we are without chastisement, correction, for all His son's that are called are corrected that are to partake in the kingdom, then we are bastards, meaning offensive, unpleasant, inferior and not sons of honor.*

Thus there are two points to this message; one of chastening, meaning correction through the working of His Holy Spirit, in one that is living The Way, being groomed as a son to partake of the Father’s inheritance. The other point contrary to improvement is void of chastening, hardened to the Spirit of correction, one that is living outside of The Way, having a delusional walk. And despite having been once called has since hardened his or her heart deaf to the quiet still voice of correction. Both initially had been chosen sons called to inherit the family fortune. But as one neglects his or her responsibility to represent the integrity of the family’s name, they forfeit this coveted position as an heir.

Heb 12:9~13 Furthermore 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? For 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. Now 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**. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And **make straight paths for your feet**, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; **but let it rather be healed**.

*Did we hear the message? The correction was for **our profit**, our benefit, to yield **fruits of righteousness**. And the purpose for this chastening is to **exercise us**, meaning to get us into spiritual shape to be seen as a son in His likeness. Did you ever notice that children in a family quite often exhibit physical as well as the personalities of their parents? Likewise, we must also develop the same spiritual characteristics **IF** we are to partake within the family of Yah. Therefore let us get over ourselves focusing on fleshly lusts and let us instead move on to make straight paths benefiting from this special calling given to a select few. Allow the momentary chastening we are experiencing to become profitable in partaking of His holiness **IF** we show*

forth His Holy Spirit working effectively in us. Be aware of the fact that the scriptures denote both individuals being elected sons, but of different mindsets, similar to the parable recorded in the Book of Matthew.

Mt 21:28~32 But what think ye? A certain man had **two sons**; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: **but afterward he repented, and went**. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and **went not**. Whether of them twain did the **will of his father**? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and **ye believed him not**: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, **repented not afterward**, that ye might believe him.

*Many will call out in the last days, "Lord, Lord...are not we you're called sons, chosen among mankind, those that you gave knowledge and understanding of yourself and your ways?" Sadly, those that abandoned this great calling, who neglected to apply such knowledge and understanding in producing wisdom, the action of one's faith, will hear Our Lord's sorrow as He loses an elected son to **self defeat**. Our Lord did not reject us, we rejected Him.*

Mt 7:21~23 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; **but he that doeth the will of my Father** which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, **ye that work iniquity**.

Heb 12:14~17 Follow **peace** with all men, and **holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord**: 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**; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat **sold his birthright**. 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 found **no place of repentance**. These verses are not implying that Esau was immoral or godless. His sad, permanent predicament was due to his forfeiting his birthright. Esau didn't fully appreciate the gift of his birthright, giving it away for a momentary pleasure. This parable serves as a warning for any believer because each one's name is elected, written in the Book of Life, predestined to this calling. It is we through our own actions that eliminate ourselves from our inheritance. The story of Jacob and Esau and his forfeiture of his inheritance are found in the Book of Genesis 25:19~34.*

For the gratification of the flesh Esau gave his birthright away. Sad and quite frightening that one's inheritance, our future, can be lost in a moment unaware. Had this not happened, Esau would have inherited the blessing, now he was rejected as Esau found no place of repentance, meaning forgiveness, pardon, mercy, though he sought it carefully with tears. Perchance we don't fully appreciate our insult and arrogance to Yah when we demonstrate in our actions the forfeiture of our calling.

However, we understand perfectly the possibility of reaching a point in our walk or lack thereof where repentance no longer makes any difference. This is evident being scripturally noted where one's actions have departed so far away from Yah's spiritual intent that one cannot be led to repent... make it back.

Heb 6:1~8 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again **the foundation of repentance** from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit. **For it is impossible** for those who were **once enlightened**, and **have tasted of the heavenly gift**, and were made **partakers of the Holy Ghost**, And **have tasted the good word of God**, and the **powers** of the world to come, If they shall **fall away**, to renew them **again** unto repentance; seeing they crucify to

themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: **But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected**, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

*The scriptures tell us that Esau found **no place for repentance**, which is forgiveness in spite of his effort to seek it. Esau zealously sought the relief of restoration, but it was no longer available. The time of blessing had passed. Another took his place. Esau sought after repentance too late. How does this happen? What causes this type of tragedy in our walk, our life?*

*The answer lies in having a **lack of fear**, reverence...respect for Yah's will. One presumes God's mercy will always be there for them. Esau thought that his future was assured because of his position. Esau believed that once he attained a certain status he could never lose that position. Just like us thinking because we keep the Sabbath and a few of Yah's laws, we're assured a place at His table somehow sanctioned despite ongoing transgressions.*

*Esau was arrogant, and in his arrogance he neglected the weightier matters of faith... **being vigilant**. He thought God would always be there no matter what he actually did. He was mistaken, tragically mistaken, and by the time he realized his mistake, the blessing of Yah had departed.*

It's unlikely that we are going to give away our birthright for a bowl of soup. That extreme example should not give us any complacency negating the fact that we are presently seriously jeopardizing our inheritance by coexisting with un-repented sin in our lives. We all seem to think that Yah is willing to overlook our sin, that He is overly gracious to us. That is what Satan wants you to think, as his deception is directed to win us over, for us to give up our inheritance willingly and follow his folly. As Satan deceived Eve and Adam to forfeit their inheritance in the Garden of Eden, he likewise places before us momentary desires to lure us away from our calling.

We assume there will always be room, time for repentance; we do not need to fear Him...at least not right now. But that mindset can be fatal, a view dangerous for those having been grafted into the natural trunk, considered as a natural branch. We must realize we can forfeit our inheritance and be cut off as we are not exempt from expulsion! Then, even if we seek Him with tears... it's too late! The blessing we desired may have already passed irrevocably by.

Ro 11:18~22 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be **grafted in**. Well; **because of unbelief they were broken off**, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, **but fear**: For if God spared not the natural branches, **take heed lest he also spare not thee**. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **if thou continue in his goodness**: otherwise thou also shalt be **cut off**.

*Whether one cries for forgiveness due to arrogance or because one could no longer have the expected benefits...at some point it becomes too late. Yah **will forgive** us and **does absolve** us of our pride and transgressions **as we repent**...**but the blessings** are not recaptured; they are not retroactive upon forgiveness. So the question beckons to be asked: How many gifts from Our Father have we frittered away because we presumed Yah is unconcerned with ongoing sin in our lives? How much more could we have if we had been willing to be all that we are called to be?*

Heb 12:18~29 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, 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: 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: And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake: **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, 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,** And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. 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: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. 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. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, **whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:** For our God is a consuming fire.

*We gather in the **church of the firstborn**, a part of the general assembly of those whose names are written in heaven, in the Book of Life, those elected before the foundation of the earth, that now appear before our God, the Judge of all, including the spirits of just men **made perfect** through correction by His Holy Spirit. Let us listen to the words of correction and encouragement to advance our calling.*

The whole world has His word before them and many read them daily, yet it is the doers of the word that are justified before Yah. Regret has a long life, sometimes outliving our own. The past is gone and tomorrow may not come, but it is today that I have in my hands to do with as I should. Let us make every effort to not let today slip away with our inheritance in its grasps.

Gen 25:19~34

*Nothing comes to us too soon as does sorrow
And who is responsible for that?*

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