

# Hebrews: The “Better” Life

The Supremacy of Christ:  
In Example Heb 12:4-29

# The Message so far...

- **JESUS BETTER IN REVELATION [1:1-4:13]**
- **JESUS BETTER IN MEDIATION [4:14-7:28]**
- **JESUS BETTER IN MINISTRY [8:1-12:3]**
  - **Jesus: I. The Exalted High Priest [8:1-6] [Outline Intro]**
  - **Jesus: II. The Better Covenant – 8:7-13**
  - **Jesus: III. The Better Sanctuary – 9:1-12**
  - **Jesus IV. The Better Sacrifices – 9:13-10:18**
  - **Jesus V. The Better Promises – 10:19-12:3**
- **JESUS BETTER IN EXAMPLE– [12:4-29]**
  - **Example in Discipline – 12:4-13**
  - **Duty and Dangers – 12:14-29**

## So far...

- Discipline is a sign of Father's love and concern
- It is not joyful, but difficult... leads to holy/righteous (10,11)
- “lift up” strengthen – to make erect, renew again (*anorthoo*)
- Since this is the goal of all Father does: “lift up” strengthen –
  - The “hanging down hands”,
  - Feeble knees – (*paraluo*) palsied (Lk 5:18,24)
  - straight paths for your feet – wheel tracks
  - The alternative? “put out of joint” *ektrepo*
  - Or, it can be healed... (*iaomai* – make whole, free from error)

# Duty and Dangers – 12:14-29

- Primary aspects for today... (14-17)
- Pursue (*dioko*) – chase, as in a hunt, relentless, to press after
- PEACE – a primary need today!
  - (*eirēnē*) exemption from the rage and havoc of war
  - Ps 34:14; 133:1; Pr 16:7; Mt 5:9; 39-41; Ro 12:18; 14:19; 1Co 1:10...
  - All men? Church? Family? World? Many sources of conflict
  - 2 important points for us to consider and pursue
    - 1. conflict should never arise from our own actions/attitudes
    - 2. When do we turn the other cheek? When to defend?
    - Ro 12:21 – we must see the long range issues...
    - Gal 6:1 must be an consideration for us...
- Do we put priority on living this way? Consequences?

# Another pursuit

- “the sanctification” ... specific, not generalized (*hagiasmos*)
  - Holiness – separation, to be different, set apart from and to
  - 2Co 7:1; Ep 4:24; 1Pt 1:15,16; 2Pt 3:16
  - How do we define this for our age?
  - To what extent do we separate from the world and it’s goals?
- Mt 5:8 – see God... now, in the Kingdom, later in eternity
  - Lack of this, can’t see Him now, won’t see Him later!
- The negatives that will prevent us from doing either:
  - Falling short of God’s grace – yes you can!
  - Any Root of bitterness, (*pikria*) many defiled!
  - Immoral (*pornos*) - in the church???
  - Godless (*bebelos*) – accessible to anything, common, public
  - Esau...Ge 27:32... selling yourself cheap... lost “birthright”

# The Old Mountain! (18)

- The Mountain of the Law.. Exodus 19
  - This was the revelation of God in His passion and love
  - The giving of the Law was His love expressed and defined
  - The visible signs of God's presence... overwhelming! (Ex 24:17)
- Mountains in lives:
  - Abraham and Isaac
  - Noah and His Family
  - Moses and the FIRE/Sinai; Joshua in the valley...
  - Joshua, Gideon,
  - Jonathan, David, Solomon
  - Elijah
  - Job, Psalms, Song of Solomon...
  - Jesus