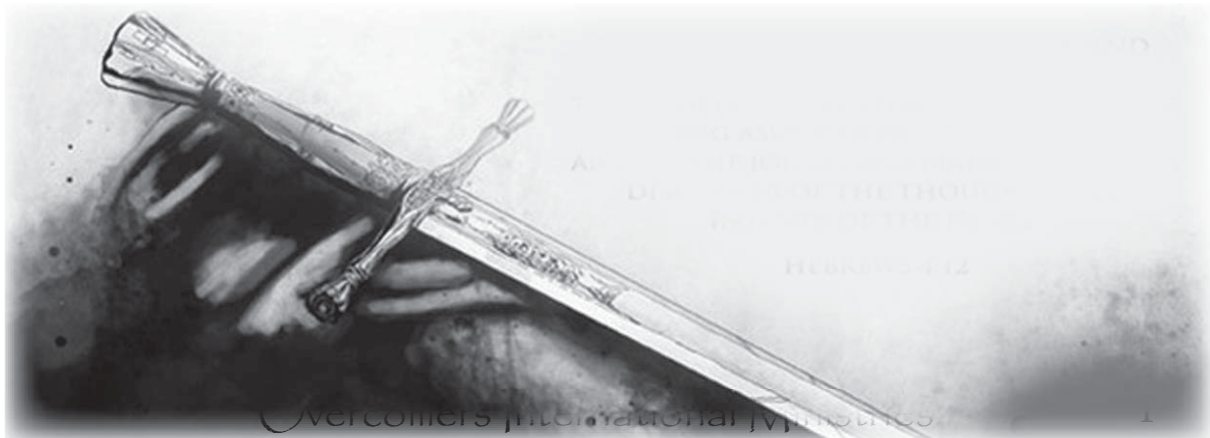


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**"The  
Sin Unto  
Death"  
Explained**





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### I John 5:16

**If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death.**

**There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.**

It is very hard for the modern church member to wrap their minds around this verse; Because we are taught and inculcated with watered down versions of the Word of God. We're told over and over that God is so merciful and so loving and so kind and that He desires to help everyone in spite of their lifestyles and that we should pray for everyone. However, according to this verse above we begin to get a glimpse into the GOD OF THE BIBLE rather than the GOD OF YOUR IMAGINATION.

*Heb 12:5 - 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:***

*Not Everyone  
qualifies for  
Divine  
Discipline*

Did you notice the qualifying words in this verse "My Son"? Not everyone qualifies for the DIVINE DISCIPLINE of the Lord that we will be discussing in this lesson because not everyone has been called into the glorious position of "sonship". To those who have a converted mind that dwells in the heavenlies The GOD OF THE BIBLE looks allot different to those precious ones than the God that is preached in the pulpits of modern Christendom.

We have fabricated a Santa Claus version of God; One who tolerates and no longer abhors sin; One who is only concerned about our happiness rather than our wholeness and holiness; One who sits us on His great big lap like grandchildren and cuddles us while expecting nothing of us.

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However, we must never forget that “*God has no grandchildren*” and He is indeed a Father in His nature, not a grandfather.

A father has one duty; to train you! A father is there to love you by correcting you and by teaching and scolding you, if need be, to bring you into adulthood or maturity. The only love that involves no correction and no discipline is perverted love. Only child molesters have the kind of love that is doting without correcting but true love doesn't overlook your shortcomings but rather brings them to your attention that you might overcome them. God is your father and as such He has one desire; to see you become a fully trusted and responsible Son of God; just as Jesus, your elder brother did.

If God has called you unto and into the spirit of sonship and into His elect church then He has in fact and more correctly called you into a lifetime of adjusting; changing; maturing and into a lifestyle of continual repentance of dead works and sins of the heart.

## UNDERSTANDING REPENTANCE

Repentance is a gift of grace granted by God alone! No man can repent of his own accord or his own volition and will for it is not in the heart of a man to repent. God calls certain men to repentance and God grants those men with the ability to see the error of their way and to repent or to change their minds. As long as you can repent, desire to repent and as long as you indeed are repenting then rest assured knowing that you have in fact not committed THE SIN UNTO DEATH. Allow the following scripture to open your understanding

*II Tim 2:25 - In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; **if God peradventure will give them repentance** to the acknowledging of the truth*

*II Time 2:26 – And they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will*



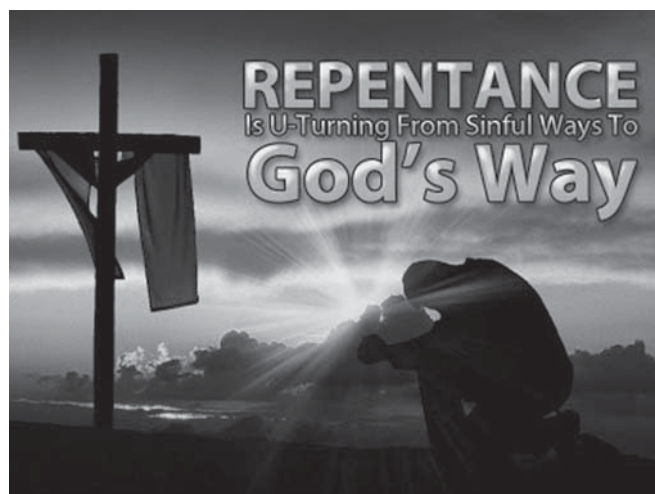
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Here Paul is encouraging the church leaders to teach the Word of God plainly so that those who have placed themselves in opposition to Gods ways and Gods laws might be granted by God the ability to repent or change their minds about their actions and in doing so “*recover themselves out of the snare of the devil.*” Here it should be duly noted and our minds reminded of the words of Christ that “*No man can come to the father except the Spirit draws him.*” The moment you feel the need to repent and turn to God is the moment that you must do it because that is your day of visitation of your calling. When that moment passes then only God knows when the gentle wooing of the Spirit will once again come your way. Perish the thoughts that “I will come to God when I’m ready” because foolish men think that they have that power. However, the desire to repent is not one born of the flesh but rather initiated by the Spirit of God.

Now, this is where the prayers of the saints play such an important role in the life of the backslider or the one who is beginning to oppose the ways of God. As the saints pray for those who are growing cold in the Lord basically what we are asking God to do is to in His favor grant the ability to that person to “see the error of their ways.”

It is the ultimate pride for us to think that we came to God or that we chose God on our own because in fact we do not have that ability to do so nor that spiritual desire. If you are in Gods church today it is because He called you not because you went looking for Him and that should give you the ultimate joy!

The Lord will begin to draw back to Himself those who have drifted away such as the person being referenced in the above verse. Those who have



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become trapped in Satans snare; there is only one hope for them, they must free themselves by turning from their sins. Within themselves they do not have the desire to do so but God in His sovereign grace, due to the intercessory prayers of His church will indeed draw the sinner back from the error of his ways. However, the sinner alone must make the choice to obey that calling in their minds that God sends to them.

Paul sets our pride straight in this verse to the saints in Rome;

*Romans 12:3 - For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as **God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith***

The context is written to the saints not the sinners! In this verse Paul is telling members of the church not to get puffed up in their salvation while thinking that they did some great thing by “accepting Christ” because he tells them that it was not them that chose God but rather God in His abundant grace chose who He would call and who He would then give that great gift of faith to that they might believe the gospel. “*God dealt to every man the measure of faith*” Who gave us faith? Is it our faith? No it is HIS FAITH and it is granted to those that He calls in His foreknowledge. So, therefore you and I ought to not think more highly or grandiose of ourselves because we’re saved....We are saved by a calling that we didn’t qualify for but it was unmerited favor granted to us and that call was accompanied by a supernatural faith planted into our minds by God Himself.

*James 2:1 - My brethren, have not **the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons***

Whose faith? Our faith or the faith that belongs to our Lord Jesus Christ? He gives us His faith and it is faith that we are saved by and not the faith of ourselves but the faith granted to us by grace.

# The Measure of Faith

Many in Gods church have completely misunderstood “The Measure of faith” and have believed through the years that “Every man has been given the measure of faith.” Until you completely understand this topic you will be confused as to why all men are unable to accept Christ if they have indeed been given a measure of faith. However, this is not so; all men do not have faith, not even a measure.

*II Thess 3:2 - And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.*

God’s Word cannot contradict itself and this verse now tells us something totally opposite than Paul writes in Romans about all men having a measure of faith. So, what is the truth about this supposed measure of faith?

As always “*Context is King*” in Biblical interpretation. When one reads the context in which Paul made his “*all men have the measure of faith*” statement; He was speaking to these men who were already in Gods church. He begins this chapter by mentioning in verse one who his intended audience is. He says “*brethren*” and then he says in verse three “*For I say to every man that is among you*” ...the brethren, those who have been graced with the gift of faith for believing. He is warning the brethren to not take this gift of faith for granted; this measure that “the brethren” have been granted.

*Rev 2:13 - I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, where Satan’s seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied **my faith**, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.*

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Again to reiterate the point; Whose faith? My faith; Gods faith; Christ faith; faith that has been freely granted to the sons of God.

# THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF BELIEVERS

1. True Believers
2. Make Believers
3. Unbelievers.

The true believers have been granted the gift of faith and repentance by God and only those people will enjoy the benefits of DIVINE DISCIPLINE. Only those saints will enjoy both the responsibilities and the rewards that come with this high calling of sonship in Gods future royal family over the earth.

*Acts 11:18- When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles **granted repentance unto life***

Do you see the beautiful truth of these verses? Repentance is a gift not given to everyone and if you have been given a mind or heart or spirit to repent then you are of a much higher breed than mere humans. Once you have repented of sins and been baptized into Gods holy church then you will enter into the process of DIVINE DISCIPLINE; you are being invited into the family of God or THE GOD FAMILY.

*Hebrews 12:17 - 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.*

This verse proves to us that mere man cannot repent without a divine act of grace upon his life. However, once a person repents initially and

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turns from commandment breaking (*the meaning of the word SIN is commandment breaking*) and they give their life to Christ; they are expected to follow through the process of maturity into Sonship. However, many begin to drift from their first love as soon as the experience wears off.

## THE FALL BEGINS

As they begin drifting; they now enter into stages of decline and unfortunately DIVINE DISCIPLINE. God has established a system of correction for His sons alone; He is not correcting the world, only those who are members of the family of God or THE GOD FAMILY. God begins in the life of the backslider a systematic program of bringing the lost sheep back to repentance.

**THE FIRST STEP** of that systematic program unique to the family of God is found in the following verse.

*Romans 2:4 - Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of **God leadeth thee to repentance?***

Many sons of God who are entering Gods system of DIVINE DISCIPLINE will first experience the tremendous longsuffering of the Lord and His goodness and as a result they will mistake this part of the process as Gods approval; His overlooking and allowing their sinful lifestyle. It seems as if the Lord keeps blessing them in spite of their rebellion. However, only the fool thinks that; the wise son will recognize this time period as God giving the prodigal son time to correct himself and come to his senses. This part of the process is STEP ONE with God.

Many people live in certain sins for a long time before God takes action to bring them into alignment with His Word and this causes many to become deceived in their understanding.

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However, it is the Lords desire for men to recognize and act quickly upon His mercy and His goodness and not to take advantage of it.

## 1ST STAGE OF DECLINE

There are stages of decline in the life of the believer and as a result there is also systematic stages in Gods dealings with the backslider.

The first stage that you will notice in the life of a backslider is they will begin to DISREGARD DOCTRINE AND COMMANDMENTS. A nonchalant attitude towards holy things will begin to creep into their mindset. Things they once considered holy and sacred will become common and non-important; whether it be the Sabbath, the Tithe, the Ministry or even the Saints of the Household of Faith. This begins the “*Fall from Grace*” when Christ and all things associated with him no longer have effect upon you. When you no longer hold Christ and His church in awe and reverence you have begun THE FIRST STEP of the fall.



*Gal 5:4 - Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.*

## 2ND STAGE OF DECLINE

STAGE TWO of “*the fall*” is recognized by PERIODIC BUT INCREASING CARNALITY. When the VOICELESS VOICE in your spirit or mind begins to become non important and when spirituality begins to be overcome by the more flippant pursuits of carnality this is the next phase of the fall.

Since this is a very fixable problem and since there is still tremendous hope for the believer in this stage of the fall; the systematic punishment

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is very light and this step of the punishment in Gods DIVINE DISCIPLINE can be easily cancelled by simply the confession of the sin. At this point the punishment ends as quickly as it began

*Job 5:17 - Behold, **happy is the man whom God correcteth:** therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:*

*Job 5:18 - For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole*

You see even though the Lord must institute His systematic discipline with each stage of your decline; in this stage where you've simply begun becoming carnal YOU CAN PUSH AWAY THE PUNISHMENT by quick recognition and confession of the sin; the punishment ends immediately and as a result of your confession rapid blessings begin to overtake you because as Job just taught us, the same hands that were sent to cause you to repent are the same hands that will heal you when you do.

BELIEVERS WHO REFUSE TO BE TAUGHT BY THE WORD WILL BE TAUGHT BY THE SYSTEMATIC PROCESS OF DIVINE DISCIPLINE. The purpose of this beautiful correction is not just to restore you to the fold but to begin a required process in your life; THE PROCESS OF MATURING. You can know that you are maturing in your spiritual walk when your perspective of Gods discipline in your life has no hints of bitterness.

Wrong perspective towards Gods correction in our lives will bring bitterness to our minds and bitterness will bring death. An immature son will see the curses in their life, all the failures and all the things going wrong and blame God for punishing them rather than blaming themselves for being punished. When this happens you are entering into a non-returnable place. You must learn to embrace His discipline and allow this process to restore you and to renew your relationship with God. Here, in the following verse is a "spirit of Sonship" check; to see if you are a true son or a bastard child.

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*Hebrews 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?*

If you endure chastening; if you recognize that something isn't right and that God is lifting the hedge of protection from around you and if you quickly turn from your commandment breaking then you are indeed a son. However, if when all of this begins to happen you begin to make excuses for your sin or you begin to ask "*Why would God allow all of this to happen to me*" then you are entering into a non-returnable place.

I have personally known believers who have faced hardship and wondered why and yet the whole congregation remembers when they put their hands against the ministry or when they fought against the work of God. To those who are suffering chastisement **DON'T BE THE LAST PEOPLE TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU; check yourself by the Word of God.**

Paul goes to great lengths to teach Gods church not to be flippant or not to ignore when the process of **DIVINE DISCIPLINE** begins in your life.

*Proverbs 3:12 - For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth*

Hebrews 12:6 - For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and **scourgeth every son whom he receiveth**

It would do us all a worthy service to take Pauls words into our minds and allow them to incubate there until we are completely inculcated with this understanding. **GOD IS NOT SANTA CLAUS; He is our father and as such He must mature us into worthy sons for our roles in His future government upon the earth. This one hundred and twenty years have been given to us for this specific purpose; maturation!**

In Hebrews 12:6 we read where Paul said that God "*scourgeth*" His sons. Ouch! What a word when understood from its' original Greek ele-



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ment. The word in Greek is “*Mastigoo*” which basically means “*to skin alive with whips, to flog*” So basically what Paul was saying is “*if Gods has chosen you for greatness in His future government upon the earth, you are going to experience His whip and His beatings*”

However, God is not some psychopath who just loves beating His children; a million times no. We see proof of this in the preceeding verse in this sermon by Paul. Notice in verse five that before God must scourge us he starts the systematic process of Divine Discipline with much less severity. He simply rebukes us with His verbal warnings.

*Gods next move  
in the process of  
Divine Discipline  
is determined by  
YOU*

*Heb 12:5 - 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:***

Quite plainly Paul tells us that if we will respond correctly to the simple verbal warnings of the Lord then the second step of DIVINE DISCIPLINE will never need be implemented; because the next step is the step of “scourging” and it is not a pretty sight; I’ve experienced it firsthand.

He says to us when you hear these warnings from the Lord either through the preached Word or through the voiceless voice of the spirit mind; don’t ignore that and push it away or become unconscious to it; but rather heed the rebuke and stop and avoid the systematic process of DIVINE DISCIPLINE from going forward.

**GODS NEXT MOVE WITH YOU IS UP TO YOU NOT HIM;** you will be the determining factor in what’s next. All of this is designed not for Gods need to correct people but from Gods need to mature people and prepare a holy church for their important future roles in His government upon the earth. You are being trained and prepared to be involved in the fathers business; literally.

## THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE

You as a believer are alive for one of two reasons; to be blessed of God or to be corrected of God. The choice of which of the two you will receive is completely up to you. YOUR CHOICES WILL DETERMINE HIS CHOICES.

It is Gods desire to bless you; for you to walk in His covenant blessings for your life and your family. However, when you walk in sin and break His commandments you open the floodgates of hell into your home; you tie the hands of God and He will never bless what He has already cursed. He has cursed sin because rebellion is the root cause of the original fall from grace and if rebellion lives in you He will never allow you to rule and reign with Him during the Millennium.

So, in this period of existence called time; you will be trained and corrected until every ounce of self will and stubbornness is purged from you. This will happen through the trials you encounter and the valleys you walk through. Your responses to your situations are the gauge by which your being measured. When your final attitude to the Lord is “*I still trust you*” then you will begin walking in the supernatural favor of the Lord. And if you cannot or if you refuse to get to this place on your own then God has a systematic system in place to get you there; the choice is yours to make.

### 3 LEVELS OF DIVINE DISCIPLINE



THERE ARE THREE LEVELS OF DIVINE DISCIPLINE;

1. Warning Discipline
2. Intensified Discipline
3. Death

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### THE WARNING STAGE:

You will begin to notice the removal of your prosperity. Suddenly things will begin to go wrong to get your attention. The blessings of Heaven will seemingly stop flowing into your life. I call these “flashing yellow lights” these are the cautions of the Spirit that something isn’t right. Do you remember those times when you would flop down on the couch and something inside of you kept saying “*ok, what’s going on here, something isn’t right.*” This is the beginning stage; the warning stage of Gods divine discipline in your life.

*James 5:9 - Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.*

THERE IS SOMEONE AT YOUR DOOR KNOCKING! The voiceless voice of the Spirit Mind is always there giving those warning knocks and when this is heeded to then the next step of this process is halted with no need to continue. As a result, the blessings return and the process ends for this moment in your life. When you are alerted by Gods Word or Gods Church that something is wrong in your life this should motivate you to confess the sin and rebound; quit sinning and begin maturing again.

*Satan comes to remind you of past sins you've confessed and repented of. . . The Holy Spirit comes to remind you of present sin that you've refused to confess*

The submitted son has no problem being judged by Gods church through Gods Word. The rebellious son has a favorite quote “*Only God can judge me.*” This son will live life and wind up with nothing to show for because rebellion reaps a thousand rewards. When you are called into Gods church; judgment begins there and you must allow Gods church to help watch for your soul because many times you cannot see a bad spirit in your own self. Many times what you have excused as fun Gods church recognizes as carnality and in yourself you cannot see these

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things. But when you begin to notice in yourself the need to be corrected and changed then you will begin to walk in Covenantal blessings.

*Rev 3:20 - Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE KNOCKER? Will you ignore the knocker? Will you say “go away” until He finally does? Or will you as a good and mature son recognize there is trouble in your life; there is carnality in your life and run to the door and invite the convicting power of the Holy Spirit into your life and fellowship with Him.

Sadly many in Gods church will rename the knocker; they like to call Him “Condemnation” they will rebuke the knocker and identify Him as Satan. Well must you remember this; SATAN COMES TO REMIND YOU OF PAST SINS; THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF PRESENT SIN

David owns his issue and refuses to become bitter at God but instead better within himself.

## THE KNOCKER

Don't rename the knocker; don't mistakenly identify him as an unwanted visitor. Get to know Him and welcome His knockings into your life for it is in the knockings of the Lord where we find our sweetest fellowship with Him. This time of fellowship is many times soaked in the rain of tears of repentance and confession along with gentle caresses of forgiving, nail-scarred hands. He isn't knocking to condemn you; He's knocking as an opportunity for you to get to know each other through the fellowship of His Word.

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### STAGE TWO – INTENSIVE STAGE;

This stage of Divine Discipline is reserved only for those who have chosen to belligerently and purposefully ignore the gentle knocking and became rebellious to the knocking. This stage is when you have forced the hands of your father from their gentle embrace to their corrective posture; you did this,....not Him. You will now go from “*something is wrong*” into absolute misery. Everything you love will be shaken to get your attention. Your business where you have placed your faith will completely fail. Your family where you have placed your trust for solace will completely fall apart. Your friends where you ran to for support in your rebellion will unfriend you on Facebook and no one will want anything to do with your now inevitable fall. At this stage you have entered into full blown rebellion against God and you have entered into wrong thinking about His discipline in your life.

The call of the sacred stories of scriptures come to my mind as I return in memory to the ill fated story of the prodigal son who was determined to forget the bountiful blessings in the Father House. He chose of his own accord to leave the authority of home and venture out. The Father I am sure had conversations of warning with his young son but to no avail. The prodigal son drifted so far until he came to the second stage of Divine Discipline; He was eating husk with the swine. He could go no lower and the next step for him would have been death. But, He recognized that there was bread in his fathers house and he remembered the goodness of his father and he “came to himself” and re-pented and left the pleasures of his sins and was welcomed back into the gracious blessings of the father.

Let us now turn to the pages of Holy Writ to find a picture of what stage two looks like in the life of a man named David. David was given an opportunity to obey the gentle voice of correction concerning sin in his life. However, he



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ignored that and as a result he instituted STAGE TWO. Let us read with saddened eyes the results of this stage. At this point in this story David has found the exit sign, he found his way out of STAGE TWO and he is entering into the confession of his sin and recognizing that it is God who is disciplining him.

*Psalms 38:1-14*

*Verse 1 - O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.*

*Verse 2 - **For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.***

*Verse 3 – There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither rest in my bones **because of my sin.***

Please note David's correct attitude in verse three; He acknowledges that this is his fault and not Gods; He recognizes that God isn't mad at him for no reason but rather that as a loving father God must correct this sin out of his life. David owns his issue and refuses to become bitter at God but instead better within himself.

*Verse 4 - For **mine iniquities** are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.*

*Verse 5 - My wounds stink and are corrupt because of **my foolishness***

*Verse 6 - I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day*

It seems in this verse that David is suffering great depression. I have noticed in many people that depression comes when they are walking in rebellion to authority and to God. As a result they are feeling Gods displeasure. No amount of anti-depressants will take this away; only confession of and turning from sin will remove this spirit from you.

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*Verse 7 - For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh.*

Please note in verse seven. mixed in with this depression, David is also experiencing great physical sickness. Physical sickness is often associated with personal sin and when we are sick it will do us no harm to examine ourselves for anything displeasing to the Lord.

Part of David's stage two correction was physical sickness. This is why Paul said that we should lay hands suddenly on no man to pray for them because there is a "Sickness unto death."

*Verse 8 - I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart*

*Verse 9 - Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee*

*Verse 10 - My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.*

**Verse 11 - My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.**

*Verse 12 - They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.*

*Verse 13 - But I, as a deafman, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.*

*Verse 14 - Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs*

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Notice David's attitude about Gods chastisement in his life; it wasn't bitterness. Rather he said "I surrender" he says "I have nothing to say, I will not defend myself nor excuse my sin nor charge God will the results of my own actions." When David did this he in fact stopped the next step of DIVINE DISCIPLINE. He returned to divine favor and lived the rest of his days in favor from heaven.

### STAGE 3; DYING STAGE

This is the stage when man begins entering into that non-returnable place. They resist all the chastisement of the Lord and they refuse to be trained and they refuse to surrender. Now, rather than crossing that golden bridge of death with the grace of joy and tranquility as believers do, he will rather transfer from time to eternity under miserable conditions.

The "God of your imagination" doesn't line up with "The God of the Bible"

The saddest thing in all the world is for a believer to die and no one wants to be asked to preach the funeral. Why? Because you left behind a life in shambles; a business in shambles; a family in shambles because of your rebellion and now no one knows what to say to a rebellious legacy. People want to cry at your loss but rather they will cry at your waste! You will enter into death without the velvety hands of faith to ease the pain and dispel the darkness.

Saul is our perfect example of living in the DYING STAGE. He rejected the Prophet of God in I Chronicles 10:13; He ignored the knocker and he ignored godly authority in his life because he was Gods anointed and needed nothing or no one to correct him.

*II Chron 10:13 - So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire.*

Saul's ineffectiveness as leader of Gods nation of Israel came only after



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he rejected authority and correction. There are many anointed people who have lost all effectiveness because they misunderstood their anointing as a license to be lawless. Men who are “*despisers of government*” can never function effectively in God's holy church. As a result of their continued disobedience they will enter THE DYING STAGE or the ineffective stage as Saul did. While Saul had a throne; he was nonetheless dying.

## THE GOD OF YOUR IMAGINATION

Many would argue that God is a God of love and would never set His face against anyone. However, the “God of your imagination” doesn't line up with “The God of the Bible” Only when you understand WHAT LOVE IS will you ever grasp what love is not. Here's an example of the love of God

*Jeremiah 44:9-12*

*Verse 9 - Have ye forgotten **the wickedness** of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, **and your own wickedness**, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?*

*Verse 10 - **They are not humbled** even unto this day, neither have they feared, **nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes**, that I set before you and before your fathers*

*Verse 11 - Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; **Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.***

*Verse 12 - And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and **they shall all be consumed**, and fall in the land of Egypt; they shall even be consumed by the sword and by the famine: they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the*

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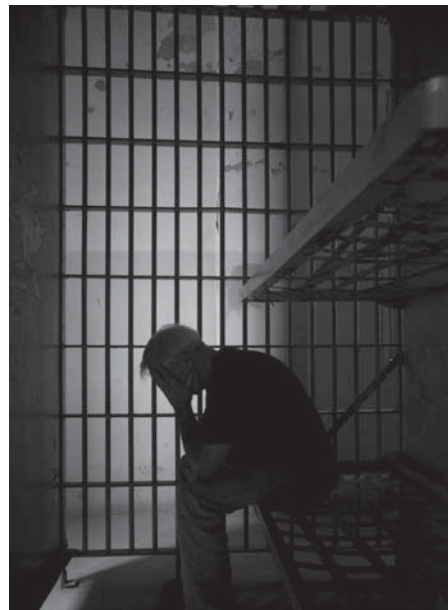
*sword and by the famine: and they shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.*

This is what happens to people called into sonship that refuse to become sons. Israel refused to walk in holiness before the Lord. They were not like other nations; they were called, they had destiny, they had purpose and because of that they had responsibility. If however they went through all the stages of Gods discipline and still refused to surrender then they were of no use to Gods grand designs for this nation and as such they would suffer all the atrocities that they indeed suffered; this great nation entered into THE THIRD STAGE OF DIVINE DISCIPLINE; death as a nation.

*Ezekiel 20:13 - But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them*

When people read these types of verses they say with profundity “*This is not the type of God that I serve*” and I stand in full agreement with you because this generation serves the God that they have imagined. However, the God of the Bible is so full of love that He will do whatever it takes to turn you around so that you can walk into your destiny. He will never excuse commandment breaking; He will never excuse sin or rebellion.

If He cannot correct it He will destroy it! Why? Because, He is the potter and we are the clay and there is a reason that He is working on us . . .for HIS GLORY and HIS HONOR. As any potter He desires to display His obedient sons who have willingly surrendered to the will of their father.



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*Phillipians 3:18 - For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ... whose end is destruction.*

These people who have sealed their own fate by refusing to repent; We are told that they have committed the “*SIN UNTO DEATH.*” For this person you can’t pray away their sickness no matter how much faith you have or how much oil you use. For this person you can weep until your eyes run dry but they have proven to be useless for the roles in which they were created. They have knowingly rejected the truths of God and they are clay not fit for the masters use. Their death will be delivered by Satan and not by God; it will have no sweetness nor any grace attached with it.

## DELIVERED TO SATAN

*I Corinthians 5:5 - To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.*

This story in I Cornithians chapter five has always been the ultimate dichotomy to me because it goes against everything the modern church teaches.

In this story there is a young believer who refuses to repent of his sins and walk out of the holds of sin. The elders have already gone to him as the voice of God in his life and as his voice of correction. He has refused to accept their correction; he refused to recognize Gods government in men and as a result he continues to push himself into STAGE TWO of Gods discipline. The modern church says we are to love this man and hurt his feelings in no kind of way but shower him with love. However, Gods Apostle Paul knows THE TRUE MEANING OF LOVE and that meaning is “correction” and he commands the church to expel this young man and to

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not even pray for him any longer UNTL this young man willingly and of his own accord stops Gods systematic DIVINE DISCIPLINE in his own life.

Paul says to allow this young man to enter into STAGE TWO; the torment of his flesh. Only when God allows Satan to begin tormenting him will this young man possibly confess his sin. Indeed in the next letter that Paul wrote we find that this young man did heed to STAGE TWO of divine discipline and was restored into Gods church.

*I Tim 1:19 - Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:*

*I Time 1: 20 - Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; **whom I have delivered unto Satan**, that they may learn not to blaspheme*

I'll be quite honest with you; these types of verses gives the modern church proverbial heart attacks because they know nothing of Gods discipline in the life of believers. The church has authority to allow Satan to enter into believers lives to begin stage two of their correction in order to save their spirits in the last day. The true church of God is not affected by modern society's bleeding hearts because they have more TRUE love than that; they see the need for maturation and correction and when they know someone is falling from grace they should pray for DIVINE DISCIPLINE to begin in the life of that believer.

*I Tim 5:20 - Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear*

Once you come to truly understand the beauty of Gods discipline in the life of the believer and once you truly know the systematic stages that we're discussing in this treatise then it will become incumbent upon you to obey the above verse. We must come to realize that all your doing to a fellow believer by not rebuking them for continual and open sin is setting them up for the next and even worse stage of Gods DIVINE DISCIPLINE.

It is absolute selfishness not to rebuke sin with your fullest passion

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and choler because this is the only way to turn people from the errors of their ways and your rebuke will serve as a witness to them.

Why does Paul want others to fear? The Greek word for fear in this passage is “*Phobos*” and refers to “*reverential fear*”. Paul wants all Christian to have a healthy, reverential fear and an understanding of Gods DIVINE DISCIPLINE in the lives of His children. Why rebuke sin in the church? Why not make the church seeker sensitive and user friendly? Because, in so doing you are partakers in guilt when destruction comes upon the believers life who is living in open sin. The church of the living God is required to rebuke sin. We are not called to make people feel better about themselves nor to placate to the carnal and wanton desire of self-worth; but rather the church is called to bring the believer into an overcoming life of of victory over sin and the penalty of sin.

Often when this subject we with the most scripture in the Writ; “*Judge not.*” ern church is abso- meaning of this verse and used it among his ministers of light as the holy grail of modern preaching. However, I might highly recommend that you obtain our newest booklet entitled “*JUDGES WITHOUT ROBES*” for a further explanation of this ill begotten understanding that permeates the mind of misinformed Christians.

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*I Cor 11:32 - But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, **that we should not be condemned with the world.***

Now THAT IS THE TRUE MEANING OF LOVE! A true parents cares not how hurt the feelings get of a wayward child when they issue harsh rebuke to them. The reason?

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Because the parent is concerned about the child's potential rather than their current state of emotions.

Many will reject the teachings of this booklet because they fail to understand THE PURPOSE of Divine Discipline. Why? Because as humans we hold God to the standards of our own minds. When many of us think of Discipline we think of human discipline that is often given out of an evil heart. Many times we have experienced discipline mixed with pride or mixed with emotions or mixed with hate and as a result the word "discipline" becomes something that we cannot attribute to God.

However, we must read the above verse to understand THE TRUTH of God's loving discipline. He has no evil in Him; His heart is filled with more love for you than your mother, father, spouse or best friend is capable of knowing anything about. God is not controlled by His emotions or your emotions; He is controlled by purpose and destiny and promise and love for you. It is because of all of these things and His overall controlling principles that He chooses to discipline you. Why does He do it? Because as Paul wrote previously; He does not want you to be judged at the judgment seat as unworthy and to be condemned with the rest of the world.

Would you rather He judge you now as "lacking" and begin the process through divine discipline to correct what is lacking? Or would you prefer to wait for a future judgment when it will be too late for you to change? We are chastened of the Lord because He desires you to be counted worthy at the final judgment. When you think you are experiencing His greatest wrath is when you are experiencing His greatest mercy!

## AUTHORITY ABANDONED

What is the very first sign that you have begun "*the fall from grace*"? It is my personal experience after all of these years in God's church that the very first sign is when you begin to reject authority.

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In my own personal life I spent many years rejecting authority in my own life until God sent THE SECOND STAGE OF DIVINE DISCIPLINE into my life. I learned very quickly to confess, repent and submit. Now today my life is more abundantly blessed than you could ever dream, filled with love, life and laughter.

God always had to send STAGE TWO into the life of Israel when they began to fail in recognizing the authority of God through a man named Moses.

*Exodus 17:3 - And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?*

When you respect authority  
you are respecting God

These people were ready to stone Moses because they didn't understand what God was doing. It never ceases to amaze me how that people claim to love God and fear God but fear not the things of God. What things? Sacred things; things set apart for His service. His church is more sacred to Him than the entire universe. Of all the things that God loves it is His body of sons which are now growing in the womb of the church and in that womb they are learning godly authority and government and they are maturing into obedient sons. We must never separate Holy God from His Holy Church; the mother of us all.

*Galatians 4:26- But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all*

When Israel turned against Moses they were turning against God. Why? Because whether they liked Moses or not; whether they understood Moses or not . . . MOSES WAS GODS SERVANT, called from his mother's womb and placed in a set place in Gods government upon the earth. Did Moses ever fail? Yes. Did Moses always get it right? No. Was Moses

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infallible? No. However, Moses was whom God chose and therefore Gods people, Israel, must of a duty recognize God in man or God in Moses.

Your respect for God will be noted in your respect for the government of God; the five-fold ministry of the church. Be it known around the world through the simple writings of this simply booklet that one cannot love God without loving His church and those whom He has called to lead His church.

## THE 5TH COMMANDMENT

When that respect for legitimate and governmental authority begins to wane in your life ... Beware! This is why the 5th Commandment is called “The Bridge Commandment” because it promises a good, long and healthy life to those who respect authority. When God says to “*Honor your Father and Mother*” did He say to do that because they were always right or perfect or even deserving of your honor? No, He said that because they are the symbols of authority in your life. When you respect authority you are respecting God because the Bible says that true and legitimate authority comes from God.

*I Timothy 2:1 - I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;*

*II Timothy 2:2 - For kings, and all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.*

*II Timothy 2:3 - For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;*

What if we don't like the King? What if we don't like the authority over us? Paul says pray for them that we might be found to be godly in the eyes of God. *YAHWEH* takes very special note of men who have died



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to their egos and learned the beauty of authority in their lives. You will never hear a mature child of God say these words “*No one is going to tell me what to do*” or “*I answer only to God.*” Those words are revealing a hidden spirit of rebellion and pride inside of you and those words must never again be spoken from sanctified lips.

To the wife I write these words; you can never love God correctly until you love your husband correctly. God cannot be found outside of the very structure of authority that He put into place in your life. Allow me to give you a beautiful example of just how serious God is about authority in the home, the church and the world.

In the book of *Numbers 30:3-8* we find a most interesting essay on how God views authority in the home. So much so, that He will not even hear a ladies prayer if that prayer is not prayed while under submission to godly authority in the home, either her father or husband.

God never changes; the same God who honors only prayers prayed in submission to earthly authority in the Old Testament is the very same God today with the exact same opinions, principles and patterns.

*Jeremiah 44:1-8 - In that ye provoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, . . . . .*

It would do you well to read all eight verses of the aforementioned reference in Jerimiah. In this setting God tells of THE THREE STAGES OF DIVINE DISCIPLINE that He has been forced to inflict upon His first church; the church in the wilderness, Israel. He tells each step in detail.

First He says that He sent prophets to beg them to not commit this commandment breaking. He sent STAGE ONE; THE WARNING STAGE.

Then He sent STAGE TWO; INTENSIFIED WARNING and finally STAGE THREE, TOTAL DESTRUCTION. Why did this happen to them? Because they were called to higher things; they were Eagles trying to become chick-

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ens. They in fact forced the hands of a loving God with the works of their hands and their rebellion to authority. How did they rebel against God? By rebelling against His government in Israel, the prophets.

I beg those of your reading this small booklet; allow the Holy Spirit to teach you the beauty of holiness and authority in your life. When we boldly say "*I'm under authority*" may I ask you, to whom are you under authority?

To the child I ask; do you obey your parents and give them the honor they deserve of having a respected and adhered to voice in your life? If not; then you must check yourself.

To the wife I write; do you honor your husband as you honor God? Does He have true authority in your life to have the final word? If not then I beg you to check yourself.

To the Husband I write; Do you have a Pastor to which you submit your decisions to and your life choices to? If not I beg you to check yourself.

To the the Pastor I write; Do you have accountability to leaders with true power of your ministry? If not I beg you to check yourself.

## THE WEAPONS OF GOD

God has certain weapons that He uses to bring to pass "THE SIN UNTO DEATH." When you begin your fall and refuse to turn from your ways of commandment breaking (the meaning of the word "Sin") then you position yourself for STAGE TWO which is Gods INTENSIFIED DISCIPLINE and this is the time when you will begin to feel the arrows of the Lord as they pierce your life in an effort to get your attention, to get your mind right.

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We will now read about those weapons that God uses against the wicked; the commandment breakers.

*Psalms 7:11 - God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day*

Notice what God does with those who are heeding His corrections; He simply judges them and watches them and keeps judging them into alignment with His destiny for their lives. However, for the wicked; the ones who refuse His correction, His anger is kindled and **THE STAGES OF DIVINE DISCIPLINE** begin in their lives. He pulls out His weapons.

Life without  
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*Psalms 7:12 - If he turn not, **he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.***

Aren't you glad that you've learned to turn? To Re-turn to Re-pent? Because of your actions and because you allowed God to judge you He will not have to start the process in your life.

However, for those reading who perhaps have not yet learned these lessons of wisdom that the elder saints have learned then God has a few arrows prepared for you. They will not kill you; they are not designed for your death, only to slow you down. The arrows of the Lord are burning arrows that are shot at the places you love; the things you have made Gods out of in your own life. He will shoot and shoot and shoot until you fall to your knees in loving submission. All of these arrows are weapons in **STAGE TWO OF DIVINE DISCIPLINE**.

*Psalms 7:13 - He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.*

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There is a Sin Unto Death and only the sinner who runs into Gods instruments of death head on will ever experience them. The arrows of STAGE TWO are meant to stop you after the verbal warnings of STAGE ONE did no good.

However, some men have such evil hearts that NOTHING can stop their sprightful running with their goals of defiance, decadence and rebellion. They prefer merriment and revelry rather than reverence and veneration. These men are gods of their own world, their own ecosphere and they stand in defiance and insolence to the great *Yahweh*; creator of Heaven and Earth. They control their own destinies and pray to no one but themselves; they place their faith in their own efforts and bow to no one or anything.

Although God has called them and destined them for greatness they must now be counted as unworthy for the masters use; clay not fit for shaping and they must be cast out of their own misery. For these people the church is powerless to pray away their day of destruction because they are running headlong into the final weapon of God reserved for the 3RD STAGE OF DIVINE DISCIPLINE; THE SWORD!

*Psalms 7:15 - He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made.*

*Psalms 7:16 - His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.*

What is the “*Sin Unto Death*”? The hole in verse fifteen! The backslider digs for himself this deep, dark hole in his rebellion. This hole is the grave when you are determined to never yield to the purposes for which you were born.

You are now a castaway and you have made shipwreck of your faith and the scriptures state it had been better for you if you had never been born. Why? Because life without purpose is life without life! You were

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not born to be an animal you were born to rule with Christ in the government of God upon the earth. That future position for you requires “TRAINING FOR REIGNING AND SCHOOLING FOR RULING” right now in this lifetime and thus the reason you have been called into Gods Holy Church; to begin that training, that breaking of your will.

If a horse refuses to be bridled and broken then that horse is better off dead because they were born to serve mankind in their running; they had a purpose in their birth. When a child of God refuses to be bridled by the government of Gods church and when they refuse to be broken in their lawlessness and in their egos then they have no further use for living.

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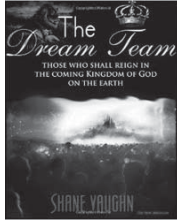
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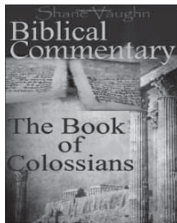
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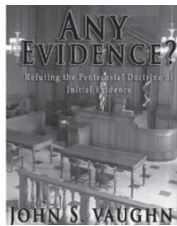
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