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**Joshua - Lesson 9
God Chastens**

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Deuteronomy 2:1-3. *Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, as the LORD spake unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many days. (more like 38 years.) 2 And the LORD spake unto me, saying, 3 Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward.* Obviously you can see by the title of this lesson that God chastens disobedience. *For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.* (Hebrews 12:6) God will use the rod of correction when it is necessary. (ref. Proverbs 22:15b) *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.* (Hebrews 12:11) We are all glad of the promises that follow the chastening of the Lord. In Joshua term you have compassed this mountain long enough.

Do you know if you have done something in your life and God has to correct you for it, He will? But not forever. As soon as that chastening has been meted out as soon as we have learned our lesson so to speak the Lord will say, "Alright, that is enough of that... let's move on... I have some promises for you."

They came out of Egypt on their way to the Promised Land along the way there had to be some chastening but it did not change their destination. There was some promises made to their fathers who were chastening along the way but it did not take those promises away.

If you are a new Christian finding out from the Bible that there are things you should not be doing, you must correct those issues or God will chasten you until you do. Please understand that chastening and reaping what you have sown could be different. Example: You commit fornication and the girl becomes pregnant, that is not a chastening, you have reaped what you have sown. If you drive 50 m.p.h. in a school zone and a police officer issues you a ticket, that is not a chastening you have reaped what you have sown. But if God tells you in His word to stop ignoring Him and pray, read your Bible and witness and you lose your joy and God stops answering your prayers and you walk with Him becomes dry, that is a chastening. What is the first commandment in Exodus 20:3 *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.* Do you know all the names of the football teams, but you have to go to the front of your Bible to find the book of Obadiah? Do you spend more time in front of

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the TV, than you do reading and studying God's word? A verse that sometimes I wish God never put in His Bible is James 4:17 *Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.* That sin will hinder my walk with the Lord and especially my prayer life. Isaiah 59:1-2. Fortunately our God is a God of mercy, once we have learned and corrected our error, *For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.* (Psalms 30:5; 1 John 1:9) God forgets and we move on. Let us get on up to that Promised Land... there is plenty left to enjoy." That is our God!

Many times I have provoked my heavenly Father many times my heavenly Father has had to chasten me for my own good. But He never changes His heart toward me because the problem is in my heart toward Him. If you had a father or mother like that, you should thank God. If you did not you should start right now praying to God for Him to teach you to be that kind of father or mother. He can do it. Amen.

...SO LEAVE THEM ALONE

Deuteronomy 2:4-5 *And command thou the people, saying, Ye are to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore: 5 Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau for a possession.*

Skip down to Deuteronomy 2:9. *And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession.*

Deuteronomy 2:19 *And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession.* Here is the a little truth we want to get. Some things do not belong to you. They will never belong to you. So leave them alone.

Just because the checkout clerk gives you the wrong change that is not a blessing from God, it does not belong to you, give it back and God may use that as a testimony of honesty, opening a door for you to say something about the Lord. Just because you work for a company does not mean you can use their stationary supplies for your own.

God has given the children of Israel plenty... all that land. From the Nile (River) to the Euphrates (River) all of that land of Promise – but over here is something He gave to Esau's children. "Do not touch it. It is not yours. Over here is something He gave to Lot's children. *"Well, those people are no*

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good!" (God knows that.) When you go to the supermarket and you are going to buy some grapes, do you taste one first? Why? It does not belong to you, what if everyone that came in the store tasted a grape? Would that be acceptable to the store manager who sells grapes by weight, No, you are stealing, stop it, God is watching, always do that which is right. ***Abstain from all appearance of evil.*** (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

DO NOT MEDDLE WITH THE WORLD

Here are some examples of things that are not yours and will never be yours, so we should not meddle with them. Luke 4:5-6 ***And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.***

Now the kingdom's of this world (that is the ruling, reigning, governing power of the earth's kingdoms) has been delivered into the hands of the devil. The only people that are allowed these leadership positions are people that the devil can manipulate. The devil is not going to give it to somebody he cannot control, according to Luke chapter 4. That being true, then I am not going to meddle in this business. It is not mine. It is never going to be mine. The best thing for me is to just leave it alone

I have a heavenly citizenship. I have a home in the New Jerusalem. I will one day rule and reign with Christ on the earth. While I wait for my departure let me just leave all of that kingdom building, tearing down, exchanging and manipulation, to people that want to do business with the devil.

The Bible says: ***I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.*** 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Having a ***quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.*** Sounds good to me, think I will just leave all that politicking to the others. Throughout history when the church ruled the state it always ended in bloodshed. (See the history of John Calvin and Martin Luther.) It is best to keep them separate.

DO NOT MEDDLE WITH ANOTHER MAN'S MINISTRY

Romans 15:20 ***Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:*** If a man with the help of others has established a church or missions station and you feel a great desire to be a pastor of a church or the director of a missions station, go somewhere where there is not one allow God to help you build one. I would

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not meddle with one that belonged to somebody else. It is not yours. God did not give it to you. God gave it to him. Leave it alone.

If you go there and be a blessing, but if it is your intention to take over because you think you are more qualified or deserve it more, then it would be better for you to just leave town. It would not please to God for you to steal another man's labor and prayers he has invested to build that ministry. I guarantee you if the children of Israel had meddled with any of those three groups of people mentioned in Joshua 2:9, God would have meddled with them.

If you think God has called you to preach or run a mission station, go start your own, get your eyes off someone else's established ministry. Unless you are looking to get in serious trouble with the Lord. One day you will give account for all that you have done. (Romans 14:11-12)

GOD WILL GIVE YOU THE VICTORY

Deuteronomy 2:24-25 *Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle. 25 This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.*

We are waging spiritual battle against spiritual foes. Israel of course is waging physical battle against physical foes but the principle remains. Does the Holy Spirit say unto you that we are not to be brought under the controlling power of any influence but God the Holy Spirit? ***All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.*** (1 Corinthians 6:12)

Now that makes it a sin for you to be under the power and influence of nicotine. Do you understand that? If you could smoke one cigarette a month and not touch another one, then it's not a sin... it's not a problem. But if you are under the controlling influence of nicotine, not the controlling influence of the Holy Spirit, that's a sin and God wants you to fight that thing and defeat it!

This is the principle. If you are willing to fight that battle, I will deliver the victory into your hands. The words tobacco, marijuana, cocaine, opioids, pornography, bad temper or alcohol is not in the Bible. Here is what is in the Bible. You are not to be under the controlling influence of any power other than the Holy Spirit. So if you are addicted to a drug that is a battle God wants you to fight. God said in His word, if you will fight that battle, He will give you the victory. Praise the Lord! That is a Bible principle.

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You could be an effective witness for Jesus Christ. If you would let God give you the victory over your pride over your timidity. God could deliver that into your hands. If you want to fight winning the battle, He can deliver that into your hand.

What about you sin of harboring resentment for a wrong someone has done to you? *"I'll never forgive that person..."* Just do not believe you could never forgive that person because you could. God could deliver that enemy of bitterness, resentment or whatever into your hands giving you victory if you would just go fight against it.

The children of Israel could not sit in the wilderness and say, *"God, would you slaughter all those enemies over there so we can just walk in there and take it?"* God said, "No... But if you're willing to go up there and fight, I'll give you the victory. Now that's what He wants from us so we can have a stronger relationship with Him, because we are doing what He wants us to do.

The time of chastening ends... and you get to move on. Some things do not belong to you... will never belong to you so leave them alone. Be honest in your business dealings even with those whom God will eventually destroy. Fight the fight in which God has called you to victory is sure, if you will but go forth by faith in God.

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Name _____

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1. What is the difference between God chastening and reaping what you sowed?
2. After God chastens you and you learn, what does God do?
3. Explain Exodus 20:3 as it relates to this lesson.
4. How does God's chastening help me as a Christian?
5. Why did God tell the children of Israel to leave the Moabites alone?
6. Why does God not want us to mingle with the governing powers of the earth?
7. If you believe God has called you to preach, what should you do?
8. If you believe God has called you to preach, what should you not do?

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9. Explain 1 Thessalonians 5:22.

10. If you have a habit what has God promised you?

11. Why would God need to chasten you?

12. Why is it so important to do things that are right?

13. What will happen to you if chastened and you do not learn and change?

True/false

- Finding a wallet with money is a blessing from the Lord.
- God wants to be first always in our lives.
- Having an abortion is not a sin if I became pregnant from an incident of rape.
- All the children of Israel had to do was ask God to kill their enemies in the Promise Land and they could have just walked right in.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet,
Must be in KJV) James 4:17; 1 Corinthians 6:12; 1 Timothy 2:1-2

any questions?