HEBREWS 12; December 7; God Loves & Chastens Sons

ANALYSIS:

1. After considering the heros of faith found in chapter 11, what four things should we be motivated to do?_____

2. By what process does God communicate to his sons that he loves them? _____

3. Although Arminians teach it, is it really possible that anyone can repent and have God receive him? _____ Who is the example?

4. What 8 things are we come to, under the New Testament, in contrast to the Old Testament? ______

5. How must the God of heaven be properly served?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

This chapter tells us in verse three that we ought to "consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." The Lord Jesus Christ was the perfect God-Man. He was holy, pure, righteous, and totally free from sin. He was always gracious, kind, generous, sympathetic, and unselfish. He was humble and unpretentious. He was diligent, hardworking, and disciplined. He feared God, trusted in God, and always sought to do his Father's will. Yet, he was hated, scorned, persecuted, and murdered by those who claimed that they loved God. He endured incredible contradiction of sinners against himself. Wicked men, sinners, opposed him at every step during his earthly ministry. Yet even with this kind of opposition, he never became weary or faint in his determination to do his Father's will and accomplish the death of the cross for our sins.

Are you ever weary or faint in your mind concerning the responsibilities that God has called you to? Do the commandments of God seem a burden? Are you discouraged by the events of this world? Consider the Lord Jesus Christ and what he endured to save you and me from our sins. Now let us press on in serving him this day. HELP:

1. To lay aside every weight (hindrance), to lay aside the sin which doth so easily beset us, to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus (vs 1-2).

2. The process of chastening by the hand of God (v 6).

3. No, because Esau sincerely sought a place of repentance and was rejected (v 17).

4. Mount Sion, the heavenly Jerusalem, an innumerable company of angels, the general assembly and church of the firstborn, God the Judge of all, the spirits of just men made perfect, Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, the blood of sprinkling (vs 22-24).

5. With reverence and godly fear (v 28).