GOD'S USE OF SUFFERING
Hebrews 12:4-11

I. God's uses suffering in our lives for <u>remembrance</u> (4-5).

A. To remember those who have been <u>martyred</u> (4).

Acts 22:4: **I persecuted this Way to the death,** binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

Acts 26:10: This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; **and when they were put to death,** I cast my vote against them.

B. To remember the words which have been <u>written</u> (5).

Proverbs 3:11-12: My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor detest His correction; for whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son *in whom* he delights.

II. God uses suffering in our lives for <u>correction</u> (6-7).

Deuteronomy 8:5: You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, **so the Lord your God chastens you.**

Revelation 3:19: As many as I love, **I rebuke and chasten.** Therefore be zealous and repent.

III. God uses suffering in our lives for <u>sonship</u> (8-9).

Proverbs 13:24: He who spares his rod hates his son, **but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.**

1 Peter 5:9: Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced **by your brotherhood in the world.**

IV. God uses suffering in our lives for <u>growth</u> (10-11).

Leviticus 11:44: For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and **you shall be holy; for I am holy.** Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

Philippians 1:11: **being filled with the fruits of righteousness** which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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