

## LOOKING UNTO JESUS

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Aspects of our Faith Hebrews 12:1-15

Intro: Review the witnesses of Chap. 11 and relate them to the “wherefore” of 12:1

### I. Witnesses of our Faith v. 1 (past saints, Angels, World?)

“Seeing we are surrounded” “Witness” = one who bears testimony to what he knows to be factual.

#### A. Witnesses to our Race

Race begins at cross and ends at the Rapture

*The Christian life is our race. How we run it matters.*

#### B. Witnesses to sin - *Sin hinders our run*

#### C. Witnesses to our Patience (endurance)

### II. Author of our Faith v. 2

Look of *Faith* - gr. “away from; unto”

#### A. Joy of our Author Rev. 1:8 - “Alpha — Omega”

1. Bring Salvation Rev. 22:12-14
2. Victory over sin & Satan
3. Reunion with Father

#### B. Endurance of our Author - “the cross”

#### C. Shame of our Author - “was slandered, stripped, spit upon, scourged”

#### D. Position of the Author cf. Heb. 1:3

### III. The Consideration of our Faith vs.3,4

“Consider” - to compute by comparing things together in their due proportions thus reaching a just and accurate estimate.- gr.

#### A. Object of our Consideration “Him” v. 3a

Christ Jesus is the object

1. Consider His endurance
2. Consider His Contradiction

#### B. Comparison of our Consideration v. 3b,4

1. Compare your endurance “lest ye be weary”
2. Compare your “contradictions” v. 4

### IV. The Chastisement of our Faith vs. 5-11

A. Meaning of Chastisement - discipline, correct, instruction by some appropriate means of punishment or act of judgment

B. Goal of Chastisement - to make clean, to purify, to restore to an upright position through corrective action

*Note: Suffering may or may not be a means of chastening*

God is the Judge to the sinner and He **punishes** in Righteous wrath.

- C. Enduring of chastisement v. 5 “faint not”
- D. Loving in chastisement v. 5 “Lord loveth”
- E. Sign of chastisement v.7 “ye are sons”
- F. Lack of chastisement v. 8 “not sons”
- G. Purpose of chastisement v. 9 “Subjection”
- H. Profit of chastisement v. 10 “for our profit”
- I. Result of chastisement v. 10,11 “Holiness, yield fruit”  
14; I Peter 1:15,16

V. Continuance of our Faith vs. 12-14

- A. Manner of continuance v. 12 determination, effort, prayer, I Tim. 2:8; I Cor. 15:58
- B. Direction of continuance v. 13,14 Straight toward Heaven  
Cf. Matt. 7:13,14

God is the Father to the saved and He **chastens** in Love according to His omniscience as to our need of correction to humble us, subdue us, rebuke or correct us.