

LESSON 19
A REALISTIC APPROACH
HEBREWS 12:1-11

I. The Admonition (12:1-2)

A. The Cloud of Witnesses (12:1a)

- The writer tells his readers that they are surrounded by _____.
- The cloud of witnesses refers to _____.

B. The Race (12:1b-2)

1. Lay aside sin (12:1b)

- The writer urges his readers to lay aside _____.

2. Run the race (12:1c)

- The reader is called to run with perseverance the _____.

3. Our focus (12:2)

a. Look to Jesus (12:2a)

- As we run, we are to _____.

b. His nature and actions (12:2b)

- Jesus is the one who _____.
- He endured the shame of the cross as he kept his eye on _____.

II. A Plea for Realism (12:3-11)

A. Consider Jesus (12:3)

- The reader is called to think about _____.
- This will help the reader to _____.

B. Their struggle (12:4)

- The struggle here does not necessarily refer to _____.
- "Striving against sin" appears to refer to _____ as in verse 3.
- The writer states that his readers have not endured suffering to _____.

C. The chastening of God's people (12:5-11)

1. They forgot (12:5a)

- The writer points out that they have forgotten the _____.

2. The exhortation (12:5b-6)

- The writer quotes Proverbs 3:11-12, where the reader is called to _____.
- The passage tells the reader that if they are children of God, they _____.

3. What chastening reveals (12:7-8)

- Through suffering, God _____.
- All of God's people suffer; therefore no suffering reveals that _____.

4. The response to chastening (12:9)

- Chastening by our parents resulted in _____.
- The writer asks if our chastening should not result in _____.

5. The purpose of chastening (12:10)

- Our parents disciplined us for a brief period as _____.
- God disciplines us for our benefit so that _____.

6. The nature of chastening (12:11)

- All chastening is _____.
- However, it produces the fruit of righteousness in those who are _____.

Scripture

James 1:12-4