

**Beatitudes**  
**What The Bible Teaches About Being Blessed**

## BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOM THE LORD CHASTENS

Text: Psalm 94:12-14

Introduction:

1. “Where the word *blessed* is hung out as a sign, we may be sure that we shall find a godly man within.” - *Sir Richard Baker*
2. Biblically, the word “blessed” refers to those whose sufficiency comes from God and not from the circumstances of life.
3. The “blessed” are those who inherit the promise made to Abraham by conforming to God’s Will and being added to the body of Christ.
4. This psalm teaches the blessedness of being corrected and disciplined by God.

I. The Means of Discipline

- A. The Hebrew word translated “chasten” in this verse means, “to *chastise*, literally (with blows) or figuratively (with words); hence to *instruct*” (Strong’s).
  1. Brown, Driver, and Briggs’ dictionary defines it: “to chasten, discipline, instruct, admonish.”
  2. It is translated by the words “chastise,” “correct,” “instruct,” “punish,” “reformed,” and “reproveth.”
- B. It is clear that God does the correcting of His people, but how?
  1. By His Word...
    - a. His Word corrects (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 4:2).
    - b. His Word chastens (Revelation 3:19, 22).
  2. By a properly trained conscience...
    - a. The conscience convicts (John 8:9).
    - b. The conscience corrects (1 Peter 3:21).
  3. By the consequences of sin... (cf. Romans 6:23)
  4. By allowing hardship and trial...
    - a. Jeremiah 30:11
    - b. James 1:12
- C. We must be willing to humble ourselves before the chastisement of Jehovah.

II. The Reasons for Discipline

- A. God disciplines His children because He loves them.
  1. Deuteronomy 8:1-6; Proverbs 3:11-12
  2. Hebrews 12:5-13
- B. God disciplines His children to teach them.
  1. Psalm 119:67, 71
  2. 2 Chronicles 33:9-13
- C. God disciplines His children to save them.
  1. Proverbs 15:31-33
  2. 1 Corinthians 11:27-32

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III. The Blessings of Discipline

- A. Correction – *God puts us back on the right path.*
- B. Fellowship – *God treats us as a Father would a child.*
- C. Rest – *We will be spared punishment (Psalm 94:13).*
- D. Salvation – *God will forgive our errors and sins (Revelation 3:20).*
- E. Victory – *God will give us eternal life in Heaven (Revelation 3:21).*

Conclusion: *“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches”*  
(Revelation 3:22).