

**God's Discipline and Sanctification**  
*Gleanings from Hebrews and Peter*

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**Acceptable Priestly Service Offered to God**

**Hebrews 12:28** (NASB)  
Therefore, since we receive a kingdom **which cannot be shaken**, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an **acceptable service** with reverence and awe;

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**Acceptable Worship Offered to God**

**Hebrews 13:15, 16** (NASB)  
Through Him then, let us continually **offer up a sacrifice of praise to God**, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. **And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.**

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Acceptable Worship Offered to God

**1Peter 2:4, 5** (NASB)

And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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Remember God's Authoritative Word Which Describes His Mighty Deeds

**2Peter 3:1, 2** (NASB)

This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

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God's Patience Is Revealed

**2Peter 3:8 - 9** (NASB)

But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

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Discipline and Sanctification

**Hebrews 12:9-11** (NASB)

Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but **He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.** All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

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We Must Pursue Sanctification

**Hebrews 12:14-15** (NASB)

**Pursue** peace with all men, and the **sanctification** without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that **no one comes short of the grace of God**; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

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Do Not Be Like Esau!

**Hebrews 12:14-15** (NASB)

that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. For you know that even afterwards, **when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected**, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

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