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Psalm 94:12

“Blessed is the man whom You discipline, O LORD, and teach him out of Your law.”
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Discipline is never pleasant at the moment, is it? Few, if any, while under a father’s discipline – especially when it is the rod – are thinking to themselves – “O, how blessed I am!” No! It is painful and with good reason. The sting of discipline is but a clear and present reminder of the sting of sin – which sting is death! (1 Corinthians 15:56). And the sting of discipline offered in love is safe and reassuring, and, “afterward it produces the peaceful fruits of righteousness.” (Hebrews 12:11)

The discipline of the Lord sets deep within our hearts an assurance that we belong to Him. “If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father doesn’t chasten? But if you are without chastisement, of which all are partakers, then you are illegitimate, and not sons.” (Hebrews 12:7-8)

Here then is the bottom line – you are blessed when you face the discipline of the Father because it marks you as His child! To this revelation then I can most assuredly say, “Yes, I am blessed, because I am a son, called by His name.” “And because you are a son, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your heart, crying, “Abba Father.” Wherefore, you are no longer a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.” (Galatians 4:6 – 7).

“Thank You Lord, for Your discipline that molds me to the character and nature of Jesus Christ. Thank You for the discipline that marks me as Your very own Child. I am a child of God, and therefore, I am blessed!”

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