

Piecemakers Class Schedule

January — March 2022

“My son[s and daughters], Despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord LOVETH he chasteneth**, and scourgeth every son whom he RECEIVETH... But if ye be without — then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us — shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and live?” Hebrews 12:5–6, 8–9*

* Webster’s defines “rebuke” as “affliction for the purpose of restraint and correction.”

** Webster’s defines “chasten”: “to inflict pain for the purpose of reclaiming an offender.”

The scripture goes on to say that we are chastened so as to become partakers of the Father’s holiness — that the chastisement is painful and grievous for the moment; however, it produces the fruit of peace and righteousness if we yield our old fallen nature to the hand of the great potter. Our Father is inspecting us, His vineyard, looking for the fruit of the Spirit and is making the corrections needed to bring forth that fruit.

In the previous message (www.piecemakers.com/god/cs0186.pdf), we talked about becoming mature (perfect) — leaving our childish ways, our earthly ties, our idols, so we might know and be born of the one, true God, our Creator.

There is a sorrow and chastisement that leads to death and keeps us of the earthly realm (2 Corinthians 7:10); however, for those of us who are purposing ourselves to find our place in our Father’s heart — to be received of Him — all our present suffering is meted out from our Father’s watchful hand, and it all works together for our maturity and good. He is removing all the encumbering obstacles which are called spots and blemishes so we might be an extension of His character, and truly, of a fact, be His sons. It is one thing to receive Jesus Christ as Savior, but quite another to embrace the cross and be reconciled back to God, our Father.

Have you lost a dear one whose life was so much your life that you died inside when your loved one died? Has your family been torn to shreds by circumstances beyond your control? Has pain and sickness gone on so long it seems like it will never end? Has your business failed and all security left you? Now is the time to seek God’s face and reach beyond your circumstances and beyond self and cling to our Father who is a God of mercy and peace and more than willing to share His nature with us as we die out to our old life. Remember that life goes beyond our carnal way of thinking. We are seeking eternal values that make our present suffering bearable.

Are your affections still earthly? Is your life still your own? Do you still run your own life and make your own plans? Is your will powered by self, or have you become the Father’s will on earth? Is your life all put together and rosy without any disruptions? If the answer to all these questions is “yes”, it is only because you still are not being received by our Father. Every man, woman and child will have his turn, for God is reconciling the earth back to Himself. What we do when our reproving comes is up to each of us. We can harden our hearts against God and save our old, selfish, earthly life, or we can relinquish our lives, embrace His chastisements, and ultimately find our place of peace and shelter under His protective wing. Our old selfish nature cannot enter His kingdom. Now, as in certain times in the past, God is moving on the people all over the world. Will you harden your heart and be cast away from God to live deliciously off the earth for a season, or will you relinquish all now and become the pure and holy body of Christ? Jesus has gone before us and prepared a place in Father’s heart for each and every one of us, but it is up to us to seek and find that place. It takes total dedication to the only One who can give us peace and eternal life: our Creator.

America — the country God has chosen to be a light to the world — is much too proud and haughty and strong to be the example the world is looking for. We, as a nation, and individually, have not resisted our old nature to the shedding of our blood. (Hebrews 12:4)

That blood is not physical, but that strength that makes a nation lead by its power rather than by the Spirit.

May God humble us individually and as a nation so the world will see our good works and glorify the One True God, our Father. Then, and only then, will the world look to us and exclaim, “**FOR THINE, LORD, IS THE POWER AND THE GLORY, FOREVER AND FOREVER, AMEN.**”

“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

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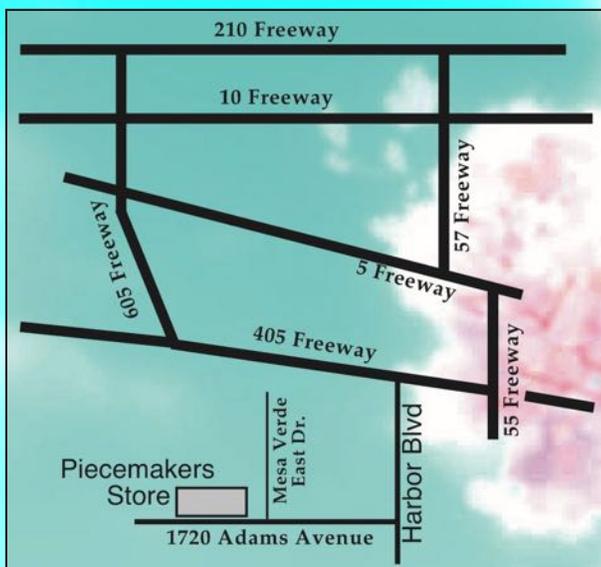
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