

Hebrews 12:11b: On the Other Hand—Prosperous Gain

Next comes the particle: *de* - “on the other hand.” What follows is a description of the end result of the discipline. It begins with the adverb: *husteros* - “afterward”

“Afterward” indicates that there is a point where discipline is completed and therefore has achieved its intended result. That result begins with reversion recovery: repentance, rebound, and a return to Bible class.

This process of recovery takes the deposit of divine discipline and converts it into a payback which includes interest. This is brought out by the present active indicative of the verb: *apodidomi* - “to pay back with interest.” This includes not only the benefits of making good decisions from a position of strength but also escrow blessings for both time and eternity.

present - Aoristic; punctiliar action in present time (—•—). Expresses the idea of a present fact without regard to its progress. In other words, reversion recovery will produce dividends.

active - Divine discipline produces the action of paying back dividends with interest.

If you stay with the process, you will advance to spiritual adulthood and its three stages of spiritual self-esteem, spiritual self-sustenance, and spiritual maturity. This advance enables the believer to defend his soul against cosmic assault by the deployment of the biblical problem-solving devices.

Temporal blessings accrue to the believer who makes the advance under a doctrinal conscience: promotion, financial success, prosperity, and, for some, wealth. There will be prosperity in the areas of social life, sex life, and economic life. Through orientation to divine authority, the believer is able to apply leadership principles to his own life and enjoy the charisma of leadership dynamics.

This is just a part of the interest paid back to the person who endures divine discipline. indicative - Declarative; this is a statement of biblical fact and reality.

The recovery process has two phases in four paragraphs: *metanoeo*, a change of mind about one's current thought process, decision-making process, problem-solving techniques, and lifestyle—the point where one is able to admit to himself that he is wrong.

homologeō, the judicial procedure of confessing admitted wrongs to the judgment bar of God—confession alone to God alone, i.e., rebound.

didaktos, utilization of the first two spiritual skills to energize the Grace Apparatus for Perception and resumption of the spiritual growth process.

When divine discipline gets a reversionistic believer to this point then the pain and suffering, and the sorrow and discomfort previously imposed begin to pay dividends with interest.

When dividends begin to flow, the believer has moved into the status of phase two reversion recovery: *misthos*, rewards and blessings, both temporal and eternal.

Next comes the description of the interest paid, the accusative singular direct object from the adjective: *eirenikos* - “prosperous.” Connotes that which relates to an environment of peace.

The root word for *eirenikos*, is *eirene*, usually translated into English by the word, “peace.”

eirene, includes a number of characteristics which are common to an environment of peace.

Peace means, in the English, a state of tranquility or quiet; security or order; harmony or concord. Likewise in the Greek we see similar characteristics which define a period of peace:

Tranquility:

Luke 11:21 - When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own homestead, his possessions are undisturbed [*eirene*].

The English word “*tranquil*” means “*free from disturbance, agitation or violence.*” If the man’s possessions are undisturbed, then his household remains in a tranquil status.

Concord, unity:

Ephesians 2:14 - For He Himself [Christ] is our peace, who made both groups into one ...

The two groups under discussion are the Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus Christ has brought concord and unity between them by means of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the Church Age all believers are brought into the unity and the concord of the body of Christ.

Felicity, blessing and good:

Luke 2:14 - Glory to God in the heavenlies and on earth, peace to men in whom God is well pleased.

God is only well pleased with men who place their faith in Christ and pursue His plan as revealed in Scripture. Those who believe in the Prince of Peace and then pursue the spiritual peace revealed in doctrine are capable of knowing true happiness, receiving blessing, and achieving the good associated with God's plan. That which is profitable:

Hebrews 12:11 - One the one hand, all discipline, while being applied, seems not to be an occasion for happiness but an occasion for sorrow. On the other hand, afterward, it pays back with interest prosperous gain ...

What is the prosperous gain which comes to the advancing believer? Tranquility, concord, unity, happiness, blessing, and the good. These are ingredients of what we call peace.

But so often, the Cosmic Academy teaches that the Bible’s “*peace passages*” are mandates for the attainment of world peace, good will among men, and international brotherhood. It also sponsors the notion that these things may be accomplished through the works of men by means of disarmament, socialism, and multiculturalism.

Not so! Peace may come to the human soul by believing in Jesus Christ for one’s salvation. This removes the barrier between God and the individual and achieves peace between the two where enmity previously existed.

The Cosmic Academy uses the poor translation of the King James Version in order misquote our Lord’s words on the subject of peace on earth.

On earth there can be peace among those with whom God is well pleased. This has meaning only in the spiritual context. It has no political, global, or social implications.