

Romans # 148 “God’s Loving Discipline” Romans 11:1-2 Hosea 4:1-6 1st Samuel 8:1-22

In the final analysis, it is the believers who are responsible for the rise or fall of a covenant-priest nation or a client nation.

Grace and truth go together and when they’re both gone, that’s a major reason for 5 cycles of divine discipline.

Negative reaction to God’s Word means a shrinking percentage of mature believers that brings these things. There can be no great percentage of mature believers without the pastor-teacher communicating the mystery doctrine of the Church Age which manufactures invisible heroes.

Israel’s five priest-covenant nations to God:

1. Theocratic Kingdom from Exodus to Saul 1445-1043 BC.
2. United Kingdom/monarchy from Saul to Rehoboam, 1043-931 BC.
3. Northern Kingdom from Jeroboam to Hoshea, 931-722 BC
4. Southern Kingdom from Rehoboam to Zedekiah, 931-586 BC.
5. The restored nation of Judea from Zerubbabel, 536 BC- AD 70.

The government moves into the vacuum created by the removal of God which encroaches more on more on divine authority and then the State becomes the ultimate determiner of right and wrong or the significance of people, claiming ultimate authority over the lives of all people.

Divine discipline is punitive action taken by the justice of God in grace to correct, punish, encourage, train and motivate the believer’s free-will toward the plan of God.

When believers get out of fellowship through sin, human good and evil, they bring suffering on themselves. If we don’t use God’s most basic problem-solving device of recovery; we’ll continue in a state of carnality, worldly living or rebellion.

Only in time are members of the royal family of God disciplined in suffering.

When we put ourselves in a jam through our own bad decisions, we’re hating ourselves and whether we know it or not, we become miserable under the law of volitional responsibility.

So, God in His grace provides divine discipline motivated by love.

Subjective self-centered people have a much more difficult time in learning from and receiving blessings from God’s discipline.

Divine discipline teaches us as believers to be oriented to what we really are.

The fact that we receive warnings from God tells us we are divorced from reality and that God is bringing us back to reality and objectivity so we can grow in grace and have all the wonderful assets He has designed for us in His plan.