

## ~DISCIPLINE (382)

[Hebrew, *mu-sar'*, *ya-sar'*, Greek, *pai-deu'o*, *pai-dei'a*]

.. Sources And Objective.

.. Results From Heeding And From Ignoring Discipline

• The Hebrew noun *mu-sar'* and the verb form *ya-sar'* convey the sense of discipline, chastisement, correction, exhortation. In the Greek Septuagint and in the Christian Greek Scriptures, the corresponding Greek noun *pai-dei'a* and the verb *pai-deu'o* have basically the same significance.

• Drawn from *pais*, meaning child, *pai-dei'a* primarily relates to what is needed in bringing up children discipline, instruction, education, correction, chastisement.

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• In expression of his love, Yehowah provides discipline for his people.

• The discipline of Yehowah, O my son, do not reject, and do not abhor his reproof. (Proverbs 3:11)

• Because the one whom Yehowah loves he reproofs, even as a father does a son in whom he finds pleasure. (Proverbs 3:12)

• He gives them instruction that corrects wrong viewpoints and that molds their mental faculties and course of conduct. For the Israelites during the time of Moses, the discipline included their witnessing manifestations of God's greatness.

• There were displays of matchless power when Yehowah executed judgment on all the gods of Egypt, liberated his people, and destroyed the Egyptian army in the Red Sea. There were fearsome judgments executed upon disobedient Israelites.

• And there was miraculous provision of food and water coupled with lessons in the importance of taking to heart and applying everything that Yehowah says. All this discipline served to humble them and to impress upon them the need for a proper fear of Yehowah, to be shown by faith and obedience.

- So he humbled you and let you go hungry and fed you with the manna, which neither you had known nor your fathers had known, in order to make you know that not by bread alone does man live but by every expression of Yehowah's mouth does man live. (**Deuteronomy 8:3**)
- Your mantle did not wear out upon you, nor did your foot become swollen these forty years. (**Deuteronomy 8:4**)
- And you well know with your own heart that just as a man corrects his son, Yehowah your God was correcting you. (**Deuteronomy 8:5**)
- And you well know today, for I do not address your sons who have not known and who have not seen the **discipline** of Yehowah your God, his greatness, his strong hand and his outstretched arm. (**Deuteronomy 11:2**)
- Nor his signs and his deeds that he did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land. (**Deuteronomy 11:3**)
- Nor what he did to the military forces of Egypt, to his horses and his war chariots against the faces of which he made the waters of the Red Sea overflow when they were chasing after them, and Yehowah proceeded to destroy them till this day. (**Deuteronomy 11:4**)
- Nor what he has done to you in the wilderness until your coming to this place. (**Deuteronomy 11:5**)
- Nor what he did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab the son of Reuben, when the earth opened its mouth and proceeded to swallow them up and their households and their tents and every existing thing that stepped after them in the midst of all Israel. (**Deuteronomy 11:6**)
- For your eyes were the ones seeing all the great deeds of Yehowah that he did. (**Deuteronomy 11:7**)
- Often Yehowah's **discipline** comes through his representatives, duly constituted authorities. An Israelite who falsely accused his wife of not being a virgin at the time of marriage was to be **disciplined** by the elders who served as judges.

- In case a man takes a wife and actually has relations with her and has come to hate her. (**Deuteronomy 22:13**)
- And he has charged her with notorious deeds and brought forth a bad name upon her and has said; This is the woman I have taken, and I proceeded to go near her, and I did not find evidence of virginity in her. (**Deuteronomy 22:14**)
- The father of the girl and her mother must also take and bring forth the evidence of the girls virginity to the older men of the city at the gate of it. (**Deuteronomy 22:15**)
- And the girl's father must say to the older men, I gave my daughter to this man as a wife, and he went hating her. (**Deuteronomy 22:16**)
- And here he is charging her with notorious deeds, saying; I have found your daughter does not have evidence of virginity. Now this is the evidence of my daughters virginity. And they must spread out the mantle before the older men of the city. (**Deuteronomy 22:17**)
- And the older men of that city must take the man and **discipline** him. (**Deuteronomy 22:18**)
- And they must fine him a hundred silver shekels and give them to the girl's father, because he brought forth a bad name upon a virgin of Israel, and she will continue to be his wife. He will not be allowed to divorce her all his days. (**Deuteronomy 22:19**)
- Parents represent Yehowah when they properly **discipline** their offspring. And children are to respond to such **discipline** as an expression of parental love, designed to promote their lasting welfare.
- Listen, my son, to the **discipline** of your father, and do not forsake the Law of your mother. (**Proverbs 1:8**)
- Listen, O sons, to the **discipline** of a father and pay attention, so as to know understanding. (**Proverbs 4:1**)
- Take hold on **discipline**. Do not let go. Safeguard it, for it itself is your life. (**Proverbs 4:13**)

- Observe, O my son, the **commandment** of your father, and do not forsake the Law of your mother. (**Proverbs 6:20**)
- Tie them upon your heart constantly, bind them upon your throat. (**Proverbs 6:21**)
- When you walk about, it will lead you, when you lie down, it will stand guard over you, and when you have waked up, it itself will make you its concern. (**Proverbs 6:22**)
- For the commandment is a lamp, and a light the Law is, and the reproofs of **discipline** are the way of life. (**Proverbs 6:23**)
- A son is wise where there is a fathers **discipline**, but the ridiculer is one that has not heard rebuke. (**Proverbs 13:1**)
- The one holding back his rod is hating his son, but the one loving him is he that does look for him with **discipline**. (**Proverbs 13:24**)
- Anyone foolish disrespects the **discipline** of his father, but anyone regarding reproof is shrewd. (**Proverbs 15:5**)
- Foolishness is tied up with the heart of a boy, the rod of **discipline** is what will remove it far from him. (**Proverbs 22:15**)
- Do not hold back **discipline** from the mere boy. In case you beat him with the rod, he will not die. (**Proverbs 23:13**)
- With the rod you yourself should beat him, that you may deliver his very soul from Sheol itself. (**Proverbs 23:14**)
- And you, fathers, do not be irritating your children, but go on bringing them up in the **discipline** and mental-regulating of Yehowah. (**Ephesians 6:4**)
- In the Christian congregation, God's Word is used by elders to provide **discipline** admonition, correction, reproof.
- All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for **disciplining** in righteousness. (**2 Timothy 3:16**)
- The object of **discipline** from Yehowah administered to Christians in cases of wrongdoing is to recover them from a fall into sin and to

**prevent their sharing in the condemnatory judgment to be expressed against the ungodly world.**

- **However, when we are judged, we are **disciplined** by Yehowah, that we may not become condemned with the world. (1 Corinthians 11:32)**
- **As head of the Christian congregation, Jesus Christ, in expression of his affection, sees to it that needed **discipline** is provided.**
- **And to the angel of the congregation in Laodicea write. These are the things that the Amen says, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation by God. (Revelation 3:14)**
- **All those for whom I have affection **I reprove and discipline**. Therefore be zealous and repent. (Revelation 3:19)**
- **A severe form of **discipline** is expulsion from the congregation. The apostle Paul resorted to this when handing Alexander and Hymenaeus over to Satan.**
- **Hymenaeus and Alexander belong to these, and I have handed them over to Satan that they may be taught by **discipline** not to blaspheme. (1 Timothy 1:20)**
- **Cut off from the congregation, they were again part of the world under Satan's control.**
- **You hand such a man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, in order, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. (1 Corinthians 5:5)**
- **But now I am writing you to quit mixing in company with anyone called a brother that is a fornicator or a greedy person or an idolater or a reviler or a drunkard or an extortioner, not even eating with such a man. (1 Corinthians 5:11)**
- **For what do I have to do with judging those outside? Do you not judge those inside. (1 Corinthians 5:12)**
- **While God judges those outside? Remove the wicked man from among yourselves. (1 Corinthians 5:13)**

- What Yehowah may permit to come upon his servants in the form of persecution can serve as **discipline**, or training, producing the desirable fruit of righteousness, to be enjoyed in peace after the trial is over.
- In carrying on your contest against that sin you have never yet resisted as far as blood. (**Hebrews 12:4**)
- But you have entirely forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons; My son, do not belittle the **discipline** from Yehowah, neither give out when you are corrected by him. (**Hebrews 12:5**)
- For whom Yehowah loves he **disciplines**, in fact, he scourges every one whom he receives as a son. (**Hebrews 12:6**)
- It is for **discipline** you are enduring. God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is he that a father does not discipline? (**Hebrews 12:7**)
- But if you are without the **discipline** of which all have become partakers, you are really illegitimate children, and not sons. (**Hebrews 12:8**)
- Furthermore, we used to have fathers who were of our flesh to **discipline** us, and we used to give them respect. Shall we not much more subject ourselves to the Father of our spiritual life and live? (**Hebrews 12:9**)
- For they for a few days used to **discipline** us according to what seemed good to them, but he does so for our profit that we may partake of his holiness. (**Hebrews 12:10**)
- True, no **discipline** seems for the present to be joyous, but grievous, yet afterward to those who have been trained by it, it yields peaceable fruit, namely, righteousness. (**Hebrews 12:11**)
- Even the Son of God was equipped to be a compassionate and sympathetic High Priest by reason of the suffering that his Father allowed him to undergo.
- For we have as High Priest, not one who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tested in all respects like ourselves, but without sin. (**Hebrews 4:15**)

## **· Results From Heeding And From Ignoring Discipline**

- The wicked, the fools, or the morally worthless ones show their hatred of Yehowah's **discipline** by rejecting it completely.
- But to the wicked one God will have to say; What right do you have to enumerate my regulations, and that you may bear my covenant in your mouth? (**Psalms 50:16**)
- Why, you, **you have hated discipline**, and you keep throwing my words behind you. (**Psalms 50:17**)
- The fear of Yehowah is the beginning of knowledge. **Wisdom and discipline are what mere fools have despised.** (**Proverbs 1:7**)
- The bad results that come from such foolishness constitutes further **discipline**, often severe chastisement. As the proverb puts it,
- To its owners insight is a well of life, and the **discipline of the foolish ones is foolishness.** (**Proverbs 16:22**)
- They may bring upon themselves poverty, disgrace, sickness, and even untimely death. The history of the Israelites illustrates how great the loss can be. They paid no attention to the **discipline** in the form of reproof and correction expressed through the prophets.
- They were heedless of the **discipline** in the form of Yehowah's withholding his protection and blessing. Finally, they experienced the severe **discipline** announced beforehand conquest and exile.
- To no effect I have struck your sons. No **discipline** did they take. Your sword has devoured your prophets, like a lion that is causing ruin. (**Jeremiah 2:30**)
- O Yehowah, are not those eyes of yours toward faithfulness? You have struck them, but they did not become ill. You exterminated them. They refused to take **discipline**. They made their faces harder than a crag. They refused to turn back. (**Jeremiah 5:3**)
- And you must say to them; This is the nation whose people have not obeyed the voice of Yehowah its God, and have not taken **discipline**. Faithfulness has perished, and it has been cut off from their mouth. (**Jeremiah 7:28**)

- But they did not listen or incline their ear, and they proceeded to harden their neck in order not to hear and in order to receive no **discipline**. (Jeremiah 17:23)
- And they kept turning to me the back and not the face, though there was a teaching of them, a rising up early and teaching, but there were none of them listening to receive **discipline**. (Jeremiah 32:33)
- Whichever way they go, I shall spread out over them my net. Like flying creatures of the heavens I shall bring them down. I shall **discipline** them in agreement with the report to their assembly. (Hosea 7:12)
- Woe to them, for they have fled from me! Despoiling to them, for they have transgressed against me! And I myself proceeded to redeem them, but they themselves have spoken lies even against me. (Hosea 7:13)
- And they did not call to me for aid with their heart, although they kept howling on their beds. On account of their grain and sweet wine they kept loafing about, they kept turning against me. (Hosea 7:14)
- And I, for my part, did **disciplining**. I strengthened their arms, but against me they kept scheming what was bad. (Hosea 7:15)
- And they proceeded to return, not to anything higher, they had become like a loose bow. By the sword their princes will fall because of the denunciation of their tongue. This will be their derision in the land of Egypt. (Hosea 7:16)
- When it is my craving I shall also **discipline** them. And against them peoples will certainly be gathered when there is a harnessing of them to their two errors. (Hosea 10:10)
- She did not listen to a voice. She did not accept **discipline**. In Yehowah she did not trust. To her God she did not draw near. (Zephaniah 3:2)
- By contrast, acceptance of **discipline**, coupled with a wholesome fear of Yehowah, makes one wise, able to use knowledge aright, and thus helps one to avoid much pain and suffering.



- When acted upon, **discipline** received appreciatively can contribute to a lengthening of one's present life and holds promise of an abiding future. Rightly, then, **discipline** should be highly esteemed.
- Take my **discipline** and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold. (**Proverbs 8:10**)
- Listen to **discipline** and become wise, and do not show any neglect. (**Proverbs 8:33**)
- Happy is the man that is listening to me by keeping awake at my doors day by day, by watching at the posts of my entrances. (**Proverbs 8:34**)
- For the one finding me will certainly find life, and gets goodwill from Yehowah. (**Proverbs 8:35**)
- He that is holding to **discipline** is a path to life, but he that is leaving reproof is causing to wander. (**Proverbs 10:17**)