

He Who Hates Reform Hates Reproof

“Do not prattle,’ [you say to those] who prophesy. So they shall not prophesy to you; They shall not return insult for insult. [You who are] named the house of Jacob: ‘Is the Spirit of the LORD restricted? [Are] these His doings? Do not My words do good To him who walks uprightly?’” (Micah 2:6-7 NKJV)

Those who would speak the truth of God are a blessing from God. If it were not for His Word, where would we be? However, those who hate to be reproofed do not want to hear from God.

This is a common thing. It is seen in those who refuse to come to church because of conviction. It is seen in those congregations that have a faithful man who beat him down. Either he succumbs to their wishes or they attack him relentlessly. They find a way to accuse him as they excuse themselves. It is seen in those preachers who have made mistakes, but refuse because of pride to be humbled.

The danger of such hard-heartedness is the Lord giving you what you wish. He may never bring another reproof, and leave you to your sin. However, this is not the way for His children. His sheep hear His voice and follow Him. “And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: ‘My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.’” (Hebrews 12:5-6 NKJV)

Therefore, we must ask ourselves if we desire to be conformed to the image of His Son. Clearly, we are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Rom 12:2). This cannot happen if we hate reform.

What is your mindset? Are you hoping to make it through this life as you are? Do you really hope and expect God to grow you? Think about it.

We should have the humility of David who refused to kill Shimei.

“Now when King David came to Bahurim, there was a man from the family of the house of Saul, whose name [was] Shimei the son of Gera, coming from there. He came out, cursing continuously as he came. And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David. And all the people and all the mighty men [were] on his right hand and on his left. Also Shimei said thus when he cursed: “Come out! Come out! You bloodthirsty man, you rogue! “The LORD has brought upon you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the LORD has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son. So now you [are caught] in your own evil, because you are a bloodthirsty man!” Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, “Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Please, let me go over and take off his head!” But the king said, “What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? So let him curse, because the LORD has said to him, ‘Curse David.’ Who then shall say, ‘Why have you done so?’” And David said to Abishai and all his servants, “See how my son who came from my own body seeks my life. How much more now [may this] Benjamite? Let him alone, and let him curse; for so the LORD has ordered him. “It may be that the LORD will look on my affliction, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing this day.”” (2 Samuel 16:5-12 NKJV)

Gracious Father, we acknowledge our absolute dependence upon you being confident that you will complete the work you began in us. Bring us into the image of your Son. Forgive our stubbornness, and mold us into vessels of honor. Help us not to resist the chisel, but to count it all as joy knowing that you have our good end in mind, amen.