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Text: Hebrews 12:3-4

For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. Hebrews 12:3-4

THE PROBLEM OF WEARINESS AND DISCOURAGEMENT

1. The danger of becoming weary

- a) Physical weariness
- b) Spiritual weariness
- c) Lethargy sets in

2. The danger of becoming discouraged in the soul

- a) Despair
- b) Defeat
- c) Deep-seated problem that is not easily resolved

BATTLING THESE PROBLEMS EFFECTIVELY

1. Consider Him

- a) This is a reference to the Lord Jesus
- b) There is continued reference to the Lord Jesus Christ
- c) Consider Him
 - i) Keep in mind
 - ii) Consider carefully/ closely
 - III) Study His example

2. Who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself

- a) Jesus had to endure much hostility
- b) Some examples:-
 - i) People spoke against Him
 - ii) Some despised Him

- iii) Others plotted His death

AN IMPORTANT POINT RAISED

1. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed

- a) There may be trials in life
- b) There may be some hardship
- c) But blood had not been shed yet

2. Striving against sin

- a) We must expect to strive against sin
- b) And where sin is there will be sinful people who may become hostile

REMEMBERING THE BEATTITUDES

(The last one applies in this context)

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for
My sake.*

*Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted
the prophets who were before you.* *Matthew 5:10-12*

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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discouraged in your souls.* *Hebrews 12:3*