**Law training/Spiritual Training**

Hebrews was written to transition the Jews from law to grace;

From a Servant to a son mentality.

The dangers of never fully transitioning from one to the other produces an up one minute down the next yo yo quality of life that we are all too

Training the flesh-Law training-The letter of the Word; behavior modification; punishment -reward system

Spiritual training-The spiritually revealed word-changes the imagination of the heart by learning to recognize God within

The rules have changed-The New Covenant is based on an entirely new system that works on opposite principles. We cant keep subjecting ourselves to the old way and expect different results.

#1 Problem in churches today is related to the way that we have been trained.

**Dull of Hearing**

**Law Training**

The section heading that introduces Hebrews 5:11-14 in my Bible reads: Warning against Apostasy which is rejecting your religious beliefs and turning to the opposition.

Hebrews 5:11  Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull **{lazy, slothful, from a word meaning deceived, counterfeit, illegitimate son, bastard}** of hearing. (Brackets mine-represent inserted Greek definitions of underlined words)

An Illegitimate son-has no rights of inheritance because his roots of his father are questionable.

Jews schooled in the law are blinded to spiritual truth.

Hebrews 5:12  For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.Hebrews 5:13  For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. Hebrews 5:14  But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age **{complete, mature, perfect}** even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised **{trained}**to discern both good and evil.

Why are there many babes in Christ who have never advanced to maturity?

It is because they have never fully embraced the New Covenant principles. They keep reverting back to Old Covenant principles in the midst of trying to live the New Covenant life.

**Rom 8:1**  *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**2**  For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.5  For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Those who live after Christ Jesus should be free from condemnation.

Romans 8:13 if you live after the flesh you will die.Romans 8:14  For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Old Covenant: servant training/living after the flesh according to the law of sin and death/do’s don’ts laws written on stone

New Covenant: Sonship training/Spirit writes different set of laws on the heart

Hebrews 10:14  For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;Hebrews 10:17  And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

**Perfected** Greek definition-comes from the same Greek Word as the term **full age** does inHebrews 5:11 which means to be mature; skillful in the word of righteousness. Our perfection is linked to what was accomplished on the cross-we are only complete IN HIM.

Until we learn to exercise that completeness in him ywe will be DULL OF HEARING, with the same I don’t deserve to be called a son mentality that an illegitimate son has.

**Heb 3:10**  Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in *their* heart; and they have not known my ways.**11**  So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)**12** ***Take heed***, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.**13**  ***lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin***.

The Greek definition of the word **hardened** means to be dull of hearing.Maintaining an Old Covenant sin mentality produces spiritual blindness.

**Hebrews 9:8**  The Holy Ghost this signifying, that ***the way into the holiest*** of all *was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing*:

It is impossible to enter into intimacy with the Father with the law in place:

**Hebrews 9**:**9**  Which *was* a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that ***could not make him*** that did the service ***perfect***, as *pertaining to the conscience;*

**Conscience**-co-perception-one who is not perfect as pertaining to the conscience always sees himself as a bastard child-who am I in the presence of God. He has no sense of oneness with the Father.

**Heb 10:1**  For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. 3 But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year.

Hebrews 10:8  Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, **neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;**

But by one sacrifice-Jesus perfected us FOREVER Hebrews 10:14

**Heb 10:17**  And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.**18**  Now where remission of these *is, there is* **no more offering for sin.**

Hebrews 10:10  By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all.**

No more sacrifices are going to be made; there will be no more sin offerings.

**Heb 10:22**  Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience , and our bodies washed with pure water.

**Heb 10:23**  Let us **hold fast the profession of *our* faith** without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

What did He promise? I have perfected you forever; God is not looking at us with our sins in mind.

**Heb 10:26**  For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there **remaineth no more sacrifice for sins**,

If we go back to the old system, no more sacrifices are going to be made..if what God did through the cross was not enough... ..then **all that is left to expect is judgement!**

**Heb 10:27**  But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

Hebrews 6:1  Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us **go on unto perfection**; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

How do you go into perfection? You have to exercise what you know to be true about the accomplishments of the cross.

**Heb 6:4**  For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

**Heb 6:5**  And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

Talking about someone who has entered into a new covenant relationship

**Heb 6:6**  If they shall fall away, **{go back to Old Covenant; sin conscious mindset}** to renew them again unto repentance;

**No more sacrifices are going to be made}** seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.

{saying in your mind Jesus was not enough} Dulls your hearing

**Heb 10:28**  He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

**Heb 10:29**  Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

To know that Jesus bore your judgment and still prefer to carry it yourself by remaining under the law..

Preferring the law above the revelation of grace brings you back under judgment of the law without the possibility of further further sacrifice. There is no alternative mercy outside of God’s grace gift in Christ.

If we expect judgement, we get judgement.

**Heb 10:30**  For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. **31**  *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:38  Now the just shall live by faith: but **if any man draw bac**k, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

When we ‘draw back,’ it changes the way we see God..we see him with a big stick rather than merciful... everything becomes about perfecting the flesh by punishing our bad behavior-the Old Covenant way.

And the letter of the word reinforces it.

**Hebrews 12:5**  And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening **[disciplinary correction]** of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked **[criticism, censure with punishment]** of him:

**Heb 12:6**  For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth **[beat, whip]** every son whom he receiveth.

Proverbs 13:24  He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

Proverbs 23:14  Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

Proverbs 22:15  Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him

We have been led to believe God uses the same methods to train us.

**Heb 12:7**  If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

**Heb 12:8**  But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

The letter of the Word reinforces being chastened and scourged-with the mentality He beats us because He loves us.

This takes us right back to the principles behind being dull of hearing:

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The law has no power to cleanse the guilty conscious which says I don’t deserve to be called a son, that’s blasphemy! John 10:30-33

It nullifies in our minds everything that Jesus has done for us.