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Blessed Discipline



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Through the Psalms
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> Blessed is the man you discipline, O LORD,
> the man you teach from your law;
> you grant him relief from days of trouble,
> till a pit is dug for the wicked.
> (Psalm 94:12–13)

God is the first and the greatest of all educational psychologists. For a number of years I was principal of a teacher training college. Through my observations at that time, I came to appreciate in a new way the psychological principles of Scripture in the field of teaching. The psalmist here puts the LORD's *discipline* before his *teaching,* and thus establishes one great basic principle: *Without discipline there can be no real teaching.*

Herein lies a common problem of many contemporary educational systems: discipline has been abandoned, and with it teaching has ceased. I know from my own experience that if a teacher cannot exercise discipline, he cannot really teach. God, however, is wiser than that. He never tries to teach those who refuse His discipline.

The psalmist goes on to reveal a wonderful reward for the man who comes under God's discipline and accepts His teaching: "You grant him relief from days of trouble, till a pit is dug for the wicked." In the secret processes of history, God is digging a pit for the wicked; He is preparing a season of judgment and retribution. He has committed Himself, however, to spare those who have submitted to His discipline and teaching.

We are thus confronted with two alternatives: We can come under God's discipline now and be preserved from His judgment; or we can refuse God's discipline now and come under His judgment in the days ahead.

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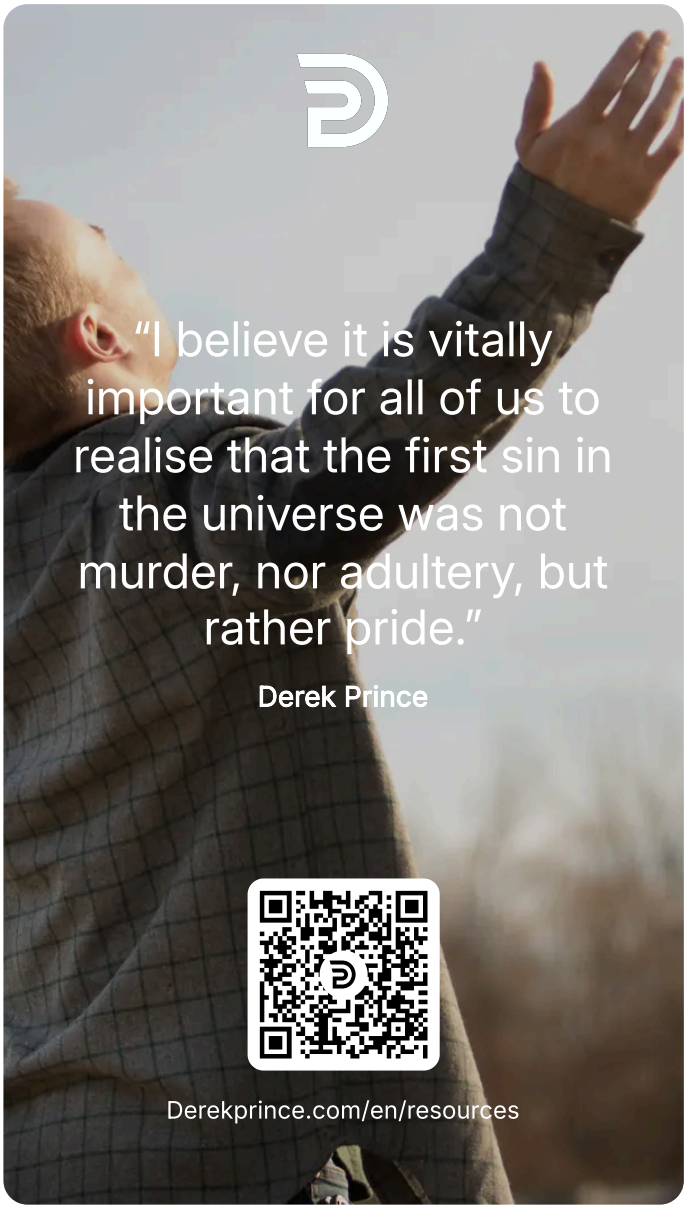

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