



Scotland, near Huntly, by Joel Combee

## Lord, Deal With Me, Part 3

The dealing of the Lord, the chastening of the Lord, is divine correction. God often corrects us when we've veered off course, when we are carrying too much weight, or when we're going to stumble. There are great benefits in our lives if we yield to God as He chastens us. The scripture says, "Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?"<sup>1</sup> I love this verse. There's no element of evil in it. God isn't going to chasten us with sickness, poverty or death. I won't be sick tomorrow and say, "I wonder why God did that"? I know he isn't the author of sickness and disease.

If I submit – to submit is when you agree with God – I know His word brings life. Isn't it amazing that we would disagree with Him? He is the Father of spirits and He knows all things. When I heed His correction, I have life and [life] more abundantly. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Only as I submit to Him can I know the fullness of His life.

There is a great distance between life and death. If we have life, we know peace. We are

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## Go Ye Into All The World



This month Wayne and I travel to Scotland and Africa. We love to "go" and we love to teach! God has so definitely called us to declare His Word. Years ago I continually heard in my heart, "Go ye therefore and teach." The word "teach" was loud—very loud—emphasized and underlined. There was no doubt then of God's will. We are still sure today of his desire for our lives. On July 6, we go to our beloved family in Scotland. It was the destination of our first overseas ministry trip in 1996. Afterwards, we travel to Kenya Bible Training Centre for 3 weeks with our new friends in Africa. We are ready in Spirit to yield to God's promptings and share His words of truth. Thank you for going with us as you pray. We love you.

*Becky and Wayne*

refreshed by “joy unspeakable and full of glory.” We do not live in dread, despondency, despair and depression. We stand against “uptight and strung out”. We are challenged, but God is our peace. We walk in subjection to His word, His correction, His chastening. Boldly, we say, “Alright, I’ll do it.” In this place of submission, “He restores our soul.”<sup>2</sup> The next thing that should happen is in verse 10. “For they [fathers of our flesh] verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.” Every conscientious parent punishes his children, doing what he thinks is right. Children never think you’ve done the right thing. They’re sure you’ve missed it. But, godly parents want to do right thing. They desire to profit their children, not to harm them. God also corrects us for our profit. A lot of translations say, “For our good.”<sup>3</sup> He chastens us for our good, for our profit. If we obey his words of wisdom, they will bring abundant life. God’s words of correction also promote holiness. The scripture says, “Be ye holy, for I am holy.” Holiness is His will for every Christian. But, often we err in our walk of holiness. Wouldn’t it be torturous if God ignored us? Can you image our missteps if He maintained a “Do the best you can. Hang in there. It’ll be over after awhile,” attitude? No, I am so glad God helps us! He deals with us when we miss His plan and purpose. If we need to make some changes or adjustments, He speaks to us by His Spirit and His Word. What a wonderful Father!

Now, when we are troubled and things are not working out successfully, we know what to do. Without any hesitation or reluctance, we go to Him. We bow our heart before Him and say, “Deal with me! Please deal with me and correct me.” Our God is a great communicator. I know as we sit in His presence, we will understand His will. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can change. This godly change brings abundant life, profit,

goodness, holiness and “the peaceable fruit of righteousness.”

I am glad God deals with us, chastens us, and corrects us. In the past, we’ve misunderstood chastening. We’ve fought with it. We’ve battled it. We’ve run from it. We’ve been reluctant. But, isn’t it a good thing that He deals with us? Isn’t it wonderful that He leads us in “paths of righteousness for His name sake?”<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Hebrews 12:9

<sup>2</sup> Psalms 23:3

<sup>3</sup> NIV

<sup>4</sup> Psalms 23:3



## STATISTICS

# KENYA

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|--------------------|-----|
| Protestant         | 45% |
| Roman Catholic     | 33% |
| Muslim             | 10% |
| Indigenous Beliefs | 10% |
| Other              | 2%  |



# Scotland

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|--------------------|-------|
| Church of Scotland | 42.4% |
| No Religion        | 27.5% |
| Roman Catholic     | 15.9% |
| Other Christian    | 6.8%  |
| Not Stated         | 5.5%  |
| Islam              | 8%    |
| Buddhism           | .1%   |
| Sikhism            | .1%   |
| Judaism            |       |



*All figures come from stated census information at NationMaster.com*