III. Exhortation: perseverance in faith 12:1-11
A. Christ’s victory is the motive for endurance in faith vv. 1-2
   ▶ Position of believers: in the arena of faith
   ▶ Preparation: lay aside hinderances
   ▶ Effort: run with patient endurance
   ▶ Aim: to share in the glory of Christ by sharing in His suffering
B. Discipline is necessary for faith vv. 3-11
   ▶ Christ was victorious through suffering v. 3
   ▶ Sufferings are chastisements vv. 4-6
      ▶ Believers sufferings are slight in comparison to Christ’s v. 4
   ▶ All sufferings are the wise discipline of the Father vv. 5-6
   ▶ Chastisement is the discipline belonging to sons vv. 7-8
   ▶ Earthly and heavenly discipline differ vv. 9-10
   ▶ Discipline results in righteousness v. 11
IV. Instruction: enduring faithfully 12:12-17
   ▶ Strengthen those enduring discipline vv. 12-13
   ▶ Seek peace and holiness with all men vv. 14-17
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  a positive exhortation - pursue peace and holiness
  Three warnings:
  Falling short of God’s grace
  A bitter root
  Unfaithfulness to God

Fifth and final warning passage

V. Believers must beware of the danger of departing 12:18-29

A. The position of Christians is contrasted with that of the Israelites under the Law. vv.18-24
  The scene at Sinai vv. 18-21
  The position of Christians vv. 22-24
    “but” you have come v. 22a
    the persons to whom Christians have come vv. 22b-24

B. The obligations of Christians flow from their position - the greater the light, the greater the consequences of neglecting it. vv. 25-29
  Warning: do not refuse the One speaking vv.25-27
  Final appeal: abide faithful, obtain grace to patiently endure, serve the Lord.