

Treasure the Grace

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15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. **16** See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. **17** Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. He could bring about no change of mind, though he sought the blessing with tears.

I. Strengthen (12-13)

12 Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.

13 “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

A. Therefore

B. Strengthen

- Is. 35

C. Make straight path

- Prov. 4:25-27

II. Pursue (14)

14 Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord

A. Pursue peace

- Strength and peace
- Peace and holiness

B. Pursue holiness

C. Will see the Lord

III. See To It (15)

15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

A. See to it

B. Don't miss the grace of God

- The worst thing
- The best thing

C. The bitter root

- Deut. 29:18

18 Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the LORD our God to go and worship the gods of those nations; make sure there is no root among you that produces such bitter poison.

19 When such a person hears the words of this oath, he invokes a blessing on himself and therefore thinks, “I will be safe, even though I persist in going my own way.” This will bring disaster on the watered land as well as the dry. (Deut. 29:18-19)

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IV. The Warning (16-17)

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A. Godless like Esau (16)

- Holy as common
- Eternal for immediate
- Sexual immorality

B. No place for repentance