

# **DIVINE PUNISHMENT OF BELIEVERS**

## **SOURCE OF PUNISHMENT**

*Integrity of God (Ps. 33:5, 89:14; Heb. 13:8)*

- 1) Righteousness: Condemns carnality (Ps. 72:2a)
- 2) Justice: Punishes carnality (Ps. 72:2b)
- 3) Love: Provides rebound solution for carnality (Rev. 3:19)

## **REASON FOR PUNISHMENT**

*Not for sins already judged on the cross (1 Pet. 3:18) but for . . .*

- 1) Being controlled by the sin nature (1 Cor. 3:13)
- 2) Both grieving and quenching the Spirit ( Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:19)
- 3) Failure to rebound and recover the filling of the Spirit (1 Cor. 11:31–32; Eph. 5:18; Gal. 5:16) and
- 4) As a result, failure to execute the unique spiritual life of the Church Age (Phil. 3:18–19)

## **PURPOSE OF PUNISHMENT**

*As evidence of “sonship” — the objects of the unchanging and undiminishing personal love of God (Heb. 12:7–9)*

- 1) To motivate rebound (1 John 1:9) and recovery of spiritual life (Heb. 12:1)
- 2) To realign thinking compatible with the will of God (Heb. 12:4–6)
- 3) To recover harmonious rapport with God (Heb. 12:2, 10; 1 Tim. 6:12)
- 4) To learn respect and love for God (Phil. 3:13–14; 1 Pet. 1:8)
- 5) For blessing—to avoid the pitfalls of perpetual carnality and motivate spiritual advance (Heb. 12:11)