

# Hand-Hewn

by Miles J. Stanford

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*Trials come from the Father as a call to come away from the world and to trust in His love, ultimately yielding the peaceable fruit of righteousness.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 34:19, Hebrews 10:11, Hebrews 12:11, James 1:2, 1 Peter 5:10

**Topics:** "Suffering And Trials", "Divine Chastening"

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## Description

Miles J. Stanford preaches about the purpose of suffering and trials in the life of a believer, emphasizing that chastening comes from God's love and care as a means of training His children. He encourages believers to see every trial as an opportunity to draw closer to God, trust in His love, and receive strength and blessings from Him. Stanford highlights the importance of recognizing the Father's hand in every trial and embracing the process of refinement, knowing that it leads to the peaceable fruit of righteousness in those who endure it with faith.

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## Transcript

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous" (Hebrews 10:11a).

You will be prepared, but never pierced, by the nail-pierced Hand.

"Sufferings are for chastening (child-training). And chastening is from love, a token of our Father's care. We live in a world full of trial and suffering. Many of the Lord's people have complained that their circumstances were too unfavorable for a life of full devotion, of close fellowship with Him, or pressing on to maturity. The duties and difficulties, the cares and troubles of life, render it practically impossible, they say, to live a fully consecrated life.

"Would God that they might learn the lesson of His Word! Every trial comes from the Father as a call to come away from the world to Him, to trust Him, to believe in His love. In every trial He will give strength and blessing. Let but this truth be accepted, in each trial, small or great; first of all and at once, recognize the Father's hand in it. Say at once, I welcome it from Him; my first care is to glorify my Father-He will use it all for my good."

"Do not be afraid of the Father's training school. He both knows His scholars, as to what they are, and He knows for what service they are to be fitted. A jeweler will take more pains over a gem than over a piece of glass; but the one he takes most pains over is longest under discipline and most severely dealt with. Once

finished, however, the burnish never tarnishes, the brightness never dims. So with us. If we are placed, at times, as in a furnace, it is not merely for earthly service, but for eternity. May you so appreciate the plans of your Father that you can triumphantly glory in the love that subjects you to such discipline, though the trial itself be sharp and to the flesh hard to bear." -J.H.T.

"Nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them who are exercised by it" (Hebrews 12:11b).

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