

*“For whom the Lord Loveth He Chasteneth, And Scourgeth Every Son whom He receiveth.” Hebrews 12:6 KJV*



We might use different words to describe the chastening and scourging the wood carver does to wood. Regardless of the words, the intent is the same: To bring out an image seen in his mind's eye. What to others was just firewood, the wood carver saw a masterpiece! God had a plan for your life before you were ever formed. *“For Thou hast possessed my reins (direction): Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:*

*marvellous are Thy works. My substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in Thy Book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.”* We could say the wood carver predestines the firewood to be art; imagining it in his mind's eye in its finished state. His vision and the resulting image might differ as he would not be infallible or all-knowing, but he would diligently strive to achieve his vision. God knows all and is omnipresent in time and space! The human mind cannot even begin to fathom even the beginning of the infinite sum of God's knowledge! He thought of and fashioned all that there is, from the tiniest particle to the greatest star, and all the symbiotic workings of living cells! He knows every thought of every mind before they are even thoughts! *“God...is a discerner of the thoughts AND intents of the heart. O LORD, Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.”* God knew you intimately before you even existed! His Work in, on, and for you is Eternally Perfect! However, He will not force the sons of Adam to obey His Will. It must be an individual choice. *“As many as received Him (obeyed His Word by faith), to them gave He Power to become the sons of God; even to them that believe on His Name.”* He receives those who receive Him!

God's scourge of Love will shape and form,  
Each soul til Masterpiece is born,  
Reflecting Christ, the Lamb twas slain,  
For all who call upon His Name! –CGP

If you come to God, you must expect Him to fashion you into a perfect child of God. He cannot leave you in your firewood state, but will chasten and scourge you into the Masterpiece He desires you to be. God has already determined what will be done to *“every son whom He receiveth. All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His Purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON.”* Things have to be removed and shaped in us, so we may ultimately be like Christ. *“When He shall appear, we (believers) shall be like Him. We shall all be changed...in the twinkling of an eye, at the last Trump.”* God never works in the dark! Dear Believer, trust the skill of Omnipotence as He transforms your imperfection to His Perfection!

*“For we are His Workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10 KJV*