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Chastening

The chastening of a righteous God  
Had brought me to my knees-  
A world of woe, a sea of grief,  
And of harsh realities.

But to understand why,  
I needed just one sentence-  
"For Godly sorrow  
Worketh repentance."

You'll find the mighty hand of God,  
Won't always just "lift you up."  
Perhaps part of His plan may be,  
That we sip from sorrow's cup.

Like gold tried in the fire,  
Impurities are burned away-  
And our trials can lift us higher,  
We're shaped and then baked like clay.

Can the vessel say to the Potter,  
"Why do you pound me this way?"  
Would it have been better off,  
If it were left as a lump of clay?

So though life seems to pound us,  
And fiery trials confound us-  
The love of God still surrounds us,  
As we struggle along on our way.

But don't be dismayed, nor surprised-  
When disobeyed, He will chastise!

Like a wayward son,  
By a loving Father-  
If He didn't love you,  
Then He wouldn't bother.

Until-

Like the prodigal child,  
With a kiss and a smile-  
He will welcome you back,

Kill the fatted calf  
On your behalf-  
And provide what you lack.

So when it seems that you have fallen,  
And once again, you've landed hard-  
That's the time you should be calling,  
And reaching for the hand of God.

He will lead you through the fire,

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He will lead you though the flood  
By the hand of the Messiah,  
Once you learn tho plead the blood.

Glory be to God!

Gary

P. S. Dear Gary JR.

I hope God continues to  
make His way to shine down upon you,  
As He pours out an abundance  
of blessings into your life,  
And showers you with His Great  
Love.

Dad