

# SCOURGING

**DEFINITION:** Corporal punishment by stripes

## I. Prescribed by the Law of Moses for:

### A. Fornication

**Leviticus 19:20:** *And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, that is a bondmaid, betrothed to an husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her; she shall be scourged; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.*

### B. Slander

**Deuteronomy 22:18:** *And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him;*

### C. Other Offenses

**Deuteronomy 25:2:** *And it shall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number.*

## II. Limit Prescribed — 40 Stripes

**Deuteronomy 25:3:** *Forty stripes he may give him, and not to exceed: lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.*



## III. Fatal

**Job 9:23:** *If the scourge slay suddenly, He will laugh at the trial of the innocent.*

#### IV. Servants Avenged

***Exodus 21:20: And if a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely punished.***

#### V. Foretold of Followers of Christ

***Matthew 10:17: But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;***

***Matthew 23:34: Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:***



***Hebrews 11:36: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:***

#### VI. Correction of Children:

***Proverbs 13:24: He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.***

***Proverbs 22:15: Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.***

***Proverbs 23:13-14:***

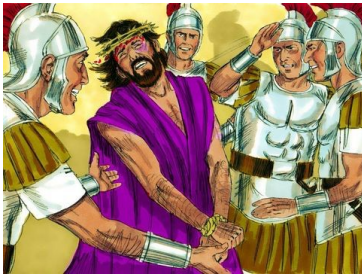
***<sup>13</sup> Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.***

***<sup>14</sup> Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.***

***Hebrews 12:6: For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.***

#### VII. Foretold of Jesus by Himself

**Matthew 20:19:** *And shall deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify Him: and the third day He shall rise again.*



**Mark 10:34:** *And they shall mock Him, and shall scourge Him, and shall spit upon Him, and shall kill Him: and the third day He shall rise again.*

**Luke 18:33:** *And they shall scourge Him, and put Him to death: and the third day He shall rise again.*

## EXAMPLES OF SCOURGING

### A. Jesus

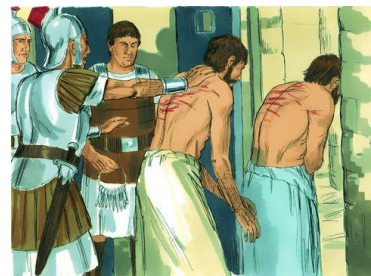
**Matthew 27:26:** *Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.*

**Mark 15:15:** *And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged Him, to be crucified.*

**John 19:1:** *Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him.*

### B. Paul and Silas

**Acts 16:23:** *And when they had laid many stripes on them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:*



### C. Paul

**Acts 21:32:** *Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.*

**Acts 22:24:** *The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging;*

*that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.*

**2 Corinthians 11:24-25:**

*<sup>24</sup> Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.*

*<sup>25</sup> Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;*

#### **VIII. By the Tongue:**

*Job 5:21: Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.*

*Proverbs 20:15: [reproof] There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.*

#### **IX: By plagues:**

**Isaiah 28:15, 18**

*<sup>15</sup> Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell, are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:*

*<sup>18</sup> And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then you shall be trodden down by it.*

#### **X. Made of Small Cords by Jesus:**



*John 2:15: [Jesus cleanses the Temple] And when He had made a scourge of small cords, He drove them all out of the Temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changer's money, and overthrew the tables;*

#### **XI. Examined by Scourging:**

*Acts 22:24: The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the*

*castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.*

**XII. Children Scourging, Striking, or Smiting Parents Are To Be Put To Death.**

*Exodus 21:15: And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.*

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