

Finishing The Race Together – Part III

Hebrews 12:15-17

Introduction:

I. The Curse Of Bitterness.

II. The Cause Of Bitterness.

A. Scripture is clear there can be several “apparent” reasons for bitterness.

B. The Old Testament basis of Hebrews 12:15 gives us the root cause of bitterness – Deuteronomy 29:18.

C. We need to be vigilant for this slide into bitterness and defilement.

1. The _____ – an inadequate view of God.
2. The _____ – bitterness over something that has happened to me.
3. The _____ – I will set up my own god.

III. A Classic Example Of Bitterness.

A. The context – II Samuel 11-14.

B. In II Samuel 15:12 we meet a man named Ahithophel.

C. The reasons behind his fall.