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Hope for Spiritual Harlots

"The Hope of a Loving Heavenly Father"

INTRO: *While the dark cloud of impending judgment remains pervasive in this section, a silver lining appears to remind God's people that what comes from God's hand is loving and fatherly and meant for His greatest glory and our greatest good even if it initially stings. This provides us with hope.*

- I. God is a loving heavenly _____ to rebellious covenant _____ (11:1-7).** *God's covenant with Israel was the Mosaic Covenant and Israel was rebellious from the start.*
- II. God loves His covenant _____ but must _____ them for their _____ (11:8-11).** *This description of God must be understood metaphorically as it uses poetic and anthropomorphic language to portray God as an earthly father.*
- III. Because God loves His *rebellious* covenant _____, He will discipline... (11:12-13:16).** *If God didn't discipline us, we wouldn't know that He loves us.*
- A. _____ (11:12-12:14).** *Israel was behaving like unregenerate Jacob. Do we behave like our unregenerate selves?*
- B. _____ (13:1-16).** *Israel intentionally forgot about her sovereign election and protection by God. Does the Church do the same?*