

THE KING IN THE GALLERIES 28

JOB 1:20

20 ¶ Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

JOB 1:21

21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

JOB 6:4

4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.

JOB 19:11

11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him **as one of his enemies**.

JOB 19:12

12 His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.

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JOB 29:2

2 Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days **when God preserved me;**

JOB 29:3

3 When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;

JOB 29:4

4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;

JOB 29:5

5 When the Almighty **was yet with me**, when my children were about me;

JOB 42:1

1 ¶ Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

JOB 42:2

2 I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

JOB 42:3

3 Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

JOB 42:4

4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

JOB 42:5

5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

JOB 42:6

6 Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

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Now the Lord God Almighty says, "I KNOW." There He is walking in the midst of His people. There He is, the Chief Shepherd of the flock. **But does He hold back the persecution? Does He stem the tribulation? No, He does not. He simply says, "I KNOW your tribulation--I am not at all unmindful of your suffering."**

What a stumbling block this is to so many people. Like Israel they wonder if God really loves them. **How can God be just and loving if He stands by and watches His people suffer?**

That is what they asked in Malachi 1:1-3,

"The burden of the Word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi.

I have loved you, saith the Lord. Yet we say, Wherein hast Thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the Lord: yet I loved Jacob,

And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness."

You see, they could not figure out God's love. They thought that love meant no suffering. They thought that love meant a baby with parental care. But God said that His love was "elective" love. The proof of His love is ELECTION--that no matter what happened, His love was proven truly by the fact they were chosen unto salvation (because God hath chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth). **He may commit you to death as He did Paul. He may commit you to suffering as He did Job. That is His prerogative. He is sovereign. But it is all with a purpose.** If He did not have a purpose, then He would be the author of frustration and not of peace. His purpose is that after we have suffered awhile we would be made perfect, be established, strengthened and settled.

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Why does He stand by? The reason is in Romans 8:17-18, "And if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Unless we suffer with Him we cannot reign with Him. You have to suffer to reign. The reason for this is that character simply is never made without suffering. Character is a VICTORY, not a gift. A man without character can't reign because power apart from character is Satanic. **But power with character is fit to rule.** And since He wants us to share even His throne on the same basis that He overcame and is set down in His Father's throne, then we have to overcome to sit with Him. And the little temporary suffering we go through now is not worthy to be compared to the tremendous glory that will be

revealed in us when He comes. Oh, what treasures are laid up for those who are willing to enter into His kingdom through much tribulation.

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"Think it not strange concerning the fiery trials that are to try you."

That is what Peter said. **Is it strange that God wants us to develop a Christ-like character that comes through suffering?** No sir. And we all have trials. We are all tried and chastened as sons. Not one but goes through that. **The church that is not suffering, and is not being tried, hasn't got it--it isn't of God.**

Heb. 12:6,

"For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."

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Now this special condition in Smyrna must be applied to every age. There is no age free from it. There is no true believer free from it. This is of God. This is the will of God. It is needful. **We need the Lord to teach us the truth that we are to suffer and be Christ-like in doing it.** "Love suffereth long and is kind."

Matthew 5:11-12,

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

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The cloudy skies and storms of life are no signs of God's disapproval. Neither are bright skies and still waters signs of His love and approval. His approval of any of us is only IN THE BELOVED. His love is elective which He had for us before the foundation of the world. Does He love us? Ah yes. But how shall

we know? We shall know because He SAID SO, and manifested that He did love us for He brought us to Himself and gave us of His Spirit, placing us as sons. **And how shall I prove my love to Him? By believing what He said, and by conducting myself with joy amidst the trials that He in His wisdom allows to come to pass.**

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.....Like a father He is looking down upon His family. He is the Head of His household. He is the provider. **He is the protector. Yet He looks on at their poverty. Oh, how the untutored believer stumbles at this.** How can God bear to look upon His own in a time of need and not just stop it all--just give in and lavish everything material upon them?

II THESSALONIANS 1:5

5 ¶ Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

COLOSSIANS 1:10

10 That ye might walk **worthy of the Lord** unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

I THESSALONIANS 2:12

12 That ye would **walk worthy of God**, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

I PETER 1:6

6 ¶ Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

I PETER 1:7

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

ROMANS 8:17

17 ¶ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

ROMANS 8:18

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

PHILIPPIANS 3:10

10 That I may know **him**, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

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MATTHEW 9:36

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

MATTHEW 14:14

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

MATTHEW 15:32

32 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

MARK 1:41

41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

I CORINTHIANS 12:25

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

I CORINTHIANS 12:26

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

From grief for sin. Much of Christ's sorrow arose from unavoidable contact with the wicked. When infinite purity comes in contact with impurity, sorrow and moral indignation must be the result.

LUKE 13:34

34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!

LUKE 13:35

35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

LUKE 19:41

41 ¶ And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

LUKE 19:42

42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

LUKE 19:43

43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

LUKE 19:44

44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

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140 Jesus said to Israel, "If you had only have known your day." One time, setting on Mount Olives, He looked over, said, "Jerusalem, O Jerusalem!" He wept. He looked down. He seen. Not in any comparison, maybe, way. The other night, other morning, about ten o'clock, when I saw that prostitute church.

Down in your heart, you feel the Holy Spirit dropping tears.

"Jerusalem, O Jerusalem, how oft would I have hovered you. But what did you do? You killed the prophets that I sent to you. You murdered them."

And the Messages has been sent to the church, today, has been murdered by their denominational dogmas. The Scripture has been murdered by their dogmas. Jesus said, "If you'd have only knowed your day! But, it's too far now, it's too late now." So is it with the churches!

141 **I do believe, with all my heart, she is past**

redemption. No matter what you want to think about it, it's your own opinion. This is mine. See? You don't have to have my opinion. But I believe she is past redemption, and has been, for the past five or six years. I remember. You remember Chicago. Watch what's happened since then, and watch it keep on happening. See? Remember, my name is before it. It's stuck out there. It's THUS SAITH THE LORD. See if she hasn't dropped, continue.

PHILIPPIANS 3:10

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

ROMANS 6:3

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

ROMANS 6:6

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

JAMES 5:10

10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for **an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.**

JAMES 5:11

11 Behold, **we count them happy which endure.** Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

I PETER 2:19

19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God **endure grief, suffering wrongfully.**

II TIMOTHY 2:12

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

II TIMOTHY 3:12

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

I PETER 3:16

16 ¶ Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

Our word "conscience" comes from two Latin words: con, meaning "with," and scio, meaning "to know." The conscience is that internal judge that witnesses to us, that enables us to "know with," either approving our actions or accusing.