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PSALM 37:3

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

PSALM 37:4

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

ROMANS 8:16

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

ROMANS 8:17

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

II CORINTHIANS 6:10

10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

ROMANS 6:12

12 Let not sin therefore *REIGN in your mortal body, that ye should *OBEY it in the *LUSTS thereof.

REIGN: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 936 basileuo {bas-il-yoo'-o} to be king, to exercise kingly power, to reign, to exercise the highest influence, to control

OBEY: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5219 hupakouo {hoop-ak-oo'-o} be obedient to, to listen, to harken to a command to obey, submit to

LUSTS: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1939

epithumia {ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah} desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden,

ROMANS 6:13

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, **as those that are alive from the dead,** and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

ROMANS 6:14

14 For sin shall not have ***DOMINION** over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

DOMINION: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2961 kurieuo {ko-ree-yoo'-o} exercise lordship over, to rule, supreme rulers and kings, to exercise influence upon, to have power over

ROMANS 8:17

17 ¶ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and jointheirs 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.
- 116-2 SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

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?......**

......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. As Job said, "He puts strength in us." (Job 23:6b) You see He, Himself, suffered. He learned obedience by the things that He suffered. He was actually made perfect by the things that He suffered.

Hebrews 5:8-9,

"Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered;

And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him."

In plain language, the very character of Jesus was perfected by suffering. And according to Paul He has left His church a measure of suffering that they, too, by their faith in God while suffering for Him, would come to a place of perfection. Why did He want this?

James 1:2-4,

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." 117-1 SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

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.

117-2 SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

"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.

II CORINTHIANS 4:17

17 For our **LIGHT AFFLICTION**, which is but for **A MOMENT**, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

II CORINTHIANS 4:18

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

II CORINTHIANS 1:5

5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

II CORINTHIANS 1:6

6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

II CORINTHIANS 1:7

7 ¶ And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

II CORINTHIANS 1:8

8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were ***PRESSED** out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we ***DESPAIRED** even of life:

PRESSED: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 916 916 bareo {bar-eh'-o} be heavy, be burdened, to burden, weigh down, depress

DESPAIRED: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1820 exaporeomai {ex-ap-or-eh'-om-ahee} to be utterly at loss, be utterly destitute of measures or resources, to renounce all hope,

II CORINTHIANS 1:9

9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

II CORINTHIANS 11:22

12 ¶ Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I.

II CORINTHIANS 11:23

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

II CORINTHIANS 11:24

24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

II CORINTHIANS 11:25

25 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;

II CORINTHIANS 11:26

In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

II CORINTHIANS 11:27

27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

II CORINTHIANS 11:28

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

II TIMOTHY 2:12

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

I PETER 4:12

12 ¶ Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

I PETER 4:13

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

REVELATION 5:10

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: **and** we shall reign on the earth.

35-3 THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1

......He redeemed us for a purpose. He bought us for a purpose. **We are kings, spiritual kings.** Oh, we are going to be kings upon the earth with Him when He sits on His throne. But now we are spiritual kings and we reign over a spiritual kingdom. It says in Romans 5:17,

"For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ." And in Colossians 1:13,

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom (reign) of His dear Son."

Right now we reign with Christ, having dominion over sin, the world, the flesh, and the devil. Showing forth His praise and glory; showing forth HIMSELF, for it is Christ in us, willing and doing of His good pleasure. Yes, indeed, even now we are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

36-1 THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1

"And made us priests." Yes, priests unto Him, offering the spiritual praise of sanctified lips. **Spending our lives as a sweet**

offering unto Him. Worshipping Him in Spirit and in truth. Interceding and petitioning. Priests and kings unto our God. No wonder the world does not appeal to us and we are a peculiar people zealous unto good works. **We have been recreated in Him to be children like unto our Father.**

REVELATION 20:6

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, **and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

REVELATION 22:1

1 ¶ And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

REVELATION 22:2

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

REVELATION 22:3

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

REVELATION 22:4

4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

REVELATION 22:5

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: **and they shall reign for ever and ever.**

ROMANS 8:35

35 Who shall ***SEPARATE** us from the love of Christ? shall ***TRIBULATION**, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

SEPARATE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5563 chorizo {kho-rid'-zo}

put asunder, divide, part, to depart, to leave a husband or wife: of divorce

TRIBULATION: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2347 Click here to view all verses that use this Greek thlipsis {thlip'-sis}

Affliction, trouble, anguish, burdened, a pressing, pressing together, oppression, affliction, distress, straits

ROMANS 8:36

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

ROMANS 8:37

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

ROMANS 8:38

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

ROMANS 8:39

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us **from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

JOHN 14:13

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

JOHN 14:14

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

THE.RESTORATION.OF.THE.BRIDE.TREE_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-15 SUNDAY_ 62-0422

15-2 Like if somebody stole some property, and they're holding the property captive. Then you can take the law and go to this person, and the law forces--enforces this person to restore this property back to its natural owner, into its...?... or first estate. Enforcement...

THE.RESTORATION.OF.THE.BRIDE.TREE_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-15 SUNDAY_ 62-0422

15-4......Then, we are the--have the privilege to enforce upon Satan the claims that God give us, for God has a law; and His Word is the Law. And God in this Word made certain claims to the church. Therefore, we have a right to force these claims upon Satan and say, "Give it back."

And he has to do it, because we can take God's Agent, the Holy Spirit, go right down on our knees, and say, "It's THUS SAITH THE LORD." He's got to give it up; that's all, 'cause the Holy Spirit's there to make him do it.

THE.RESTORATION.OF.THE.BRIDE.TREE_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-15 SUNDAY_ 62-0422

15-6.....the Law of the Spirit of God is to force Satan to give up that which he has unrightfully, deceitfully taken from God. Souls of men he took from God, souls of women, children; sickness of the body, he placed upon people where God made them in His image to be like Him. And the church is given the rightful, legal rights by the Bible, to take the Holy Spirit and enforce this upon them.

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17-2 And if Satan has robbed you of the privilege of being a son or a daughter of God, we have a right this morning by the Holy Spirit to enforce the claim of God: "Bring them back."

If he's afflicted you and made you sick, we have a right before God to enforce the laws of God: "By His stripes we are healed." Amen. Bring him back; turn him loose. You're taking him out yonder to death, and we claim him. Bring him back."

Now, that's the enforcement. Restore it back to its natural condition again. A man's sick, baby's sick, woman's sick (See?); they're out of their natural condition. Then we have a right to enforce our claim: not our claim it's our claim because God give it to us: "By His stripes we were healed; He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we were healed."

Now, we have a right to enforce that law. And the--the Lawgiver, the Holy Spirit Himself is here, the Agent of God to see that it's done that way. Amen. Now, the only way He can work is when you let Him work. See? You've got to believe it.

THE.RESTORATION.OF.THE.BRIDE.TREE_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-15 SUNDAY_ 62-0422

22-3......God speaks something, and that is a law; and the Holy Spirit's here to enforce that law (Amen.) for the believer. You have be ordained to do so; and it takes a believer. You got to have the badge of believer......

JAMES 4:7

7 *SUBMIT yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will *FLEE from you.

SUBMIT: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5293 hupotasso {hoop-ot-as'-so} put under, be subject unto, submit (one's) self to

A Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader".

In non- military use, it was "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden".

FLEE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5343 pheugo {fyoo'-go} escape, seek safety by flight, to escape safely out of danger.

COLOSSIANS 1:13

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

TRANSLATED: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3179 methistemi {meth-is'-tay-mee} remove, turn away, remove from one place to another; of change of situation or place;

LUKE 24:49

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be ***ENDUED** with power from on high.

ENDUED: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1746 enduo {en-doo'-o} put on, clothed with, have on, to sink into (clothing), put on, clothe one's self

ACTS 1:8

8 But ye shall receive *POWER, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

POWER: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1411 dunamis {doo'-nam-is} inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth

II TIMOTHY 1:7

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

I JOHN 4:17

17 ¶ Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.