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Suffering & Trials

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Suffering and Trials! Both are Scriptural Truths. These are probably two of the most self defining words there could ever be. In this study we are going to see what the word of God says about these truths as they effect the Lord Jesus Christ and the Christian. When we have gone through this lesson, we will understand that the suffering of the wicked is one thing, and the suffering of the righteous is quite another ***1 Peter 4:15,16***. Trials are definitely a truth the child of God should know about. There are many questions that are continually and repeatedly asked concerning both of these subjects. Perhaps you have asked or sought answers to why some suffering and trials have been near, whether it be someone you know or yourself. It is not unfair to ask about suffering and trials. A lot of the time the answer will not be fully revealed until later. These subjects have to be studied by faith and believing that *God is right all of the time*. Just because the Lord has not given us understanding concerning something terrible, does not mean He does not care. *He does care, very much so* ***1 Peter 5:7***. These two topics are a great mystery to the child of God many times. If you or someone you know and care for are suffering or going through trials right now, hopefully and prayerfully the Lord will give you the light or direction you need during this study in His word.

It would be most appropriate for us to begin with the sufferings of our Saviour. His sufferings and trials are indescribable, and hard to find words for, being driven by "His Great Love wherewith He loved us" ***Ephesians 2:4***.

Sufferings **of** Christ

1. **Scriptural Facts concerning the Sufferings of Christ.**
2. Christ's sufferings *were prophesied.*

"Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation t \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ have enquired and searched diligently, w \_ \_

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, w \_ \_ \_ i \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and the glory that should follow." ***1 Peter 1:9-11***

1. Christ's sufferings *were announced.*

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"And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come? And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and

h \_ \_ i \_ i \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ o \_ m \_ \_, that h \_ m \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

m \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and be set at nought." ***Mark 9:11,12***

1. Christ's sufferings *were explained.*

"Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, h \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ i \_

a \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_."

***Luke 24:26,27***

"And he said unto them, T \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ I s \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_, w \_ \_ \_ \_ I w \_ \_ y \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that they might u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus i \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things." ***Luke 24:44-48***

1. Christ's sufferings *were fulfilled.*

"But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets,

t \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, h \_ h \_ \_ \_ s \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_."

***Acts 3:18***

1. Christ's sufferings *were witnessed.*

"The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a

w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:" ***1 Peter 5:1***

1. Christ's sufferings *were proclaimed.*

"And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, O \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, t \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ." ***Acts 17:2,3***

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1. **The Benefits of Christ's Sufferings, (to Himself.)**
2. Christ's sufferings *prepared Him and authenticated His Priesthood as High Priest.*

"For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but h \_ t \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ the seed o \_ A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. Wherefore in all things it behoved him t \_ b \_ m \_ \_ \_

l \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, t \_ \_ \_ h \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ a merciful and faithful h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that h \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ being tempted,

h \_ i \_ a \_ \_ \_ t \_ succor them that are tempted." ***Hebrews 2:16-18***

1. By Christ's sufferings *He learned obedience.*

"Who in t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, y \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

h \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ by t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ which h \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_;"

***Hebrews 5:7,8***

1. Christ's sufferings *crowned Him with glory and honor.*

"But we see J \_ \_ \_ \_, who was made a little lower than the angels for the

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of death, c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, t \_

m \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Hebrews 2:9,10***

1. **The Benefits of Christ's Sufferings, (to Christians.)**
2. Christ's sufferings *brought the Christian back to God.*

"For C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ also h \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for s \_ \_ \_, the just for the unjust, that h \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ t \_ G \_ \_, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:" ***1 Peter 3:18***

1. Christ's sufferings *atones the Christians sins.*

"For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: b \_ \_ n \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ e \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ h \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ p \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_

s \_ \_ by the sacrifice of himself.

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And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him

s \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the second time w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ unto salvation." ***Hebrews 9:26-28***

1. Christ's sufferings *left the Christian an example to follow.*

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ a \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that y \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:" ***1 Peter 2:21-23***

1. Christ's sufferings *allow the Christian fellowship with Christ.*

"And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: T \_ \_ \_ I m \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_, and the power of his resurrection, and t \_ \_

f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, being made conformable unto his death;" ***Philippians 3:9,10***

1. Christ's sufferings *come with promise of consolation as the Christian partakes of them.*

"For a \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ u \_, s \_ o \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. 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. And our hope of you is stedfast, k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that a \_ y \_ a \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, s \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ b \_

a \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***2 Corinthians 1:5-7***

How does Suffering come?

1. Suffering comes sometimes *through our own mistakes and our own sins.*

“Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: s \_ \_ n \_ m \_ \_ \_, l \_ \_ \_ a w \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_.” ***John 5:14***

“And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, s \_ \_ w \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Numbers 12:10***

“And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, u \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.” ***2 Chronicles 16:12***

1. Suffering comes sometimes *for the mistakes and sins of others.*

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Suffering **for** Christ

1. Suffering for Christ *is necessary and appointed in the Christians life.*

"That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether o \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, a \_ \_ t \_ \_

m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ i \_; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." ***1 Corinthians 12:25, 26; Acts 9:15-16; 1 Timothy 1:16; Colossians 1:24***

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"For unto you i \_ i \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him,

b \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ t \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ h \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_;" ***Philippians 1:29***

1. *Christians are not to be ashamed* of suffering for Christ.

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men’s matters. Yet i \_ a \_ \_ m \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ a C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, l \_ \_ h \_ \_ n \_ \_ b \_

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; but let him glorify God on this behalf." ***1 Peter 4:12-16***

1. Suffering for Christ *is a blessed privilege.*

"And they departed from the presence of the council, r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that they were c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shame f \_ \_ h \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_." ***Acts 5:41***

1. Suffering for Christ *is never in vain.*

"Have ye suffered so many things in vain? i \_ i \_ b \_ y \_ \_ i \_ v \_ \_ \_."

***Galatians 3:4***

1. Suffering for Christ *is suffering after Christ's example.*

"That I may k \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_, and the power of h \_ \_ resurrection, and the fellowship of h \_ \_ sufferings, being made conformable unto h \_ \_ death;" ***Philippians 3:10***

"For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, t \_ \_ \_ i \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_. For even hereunto were ye called: b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ u \_, l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_

a \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, t \_ \_ \_ y \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." ***1 Peter 2:19-25***

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1. Suffering for Christ *is of short duration and will end at the right time.*

"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, a \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ y \_ h \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a w \_ \_ \_ \_, m \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_,

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ you." ***1 Peter 5:10***

1. Suffering for Christ *affects a Christian’s inheritance.*

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And i \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_,

t \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; i \_ s \_ b \_ t \_ \_ \_ w \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_, that we m \_ \_ b \_ a \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Romans 8:15-17; Ephesians 1:11,14; 1 Peter 1:4***

"C \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ therefore your confidence, which h \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Hebrews 10:35***

1. Suffering for Christ *comes from doing the right thing, and shames the false accusers.*

"And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and i \_ y \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_’ s \_ \_ \_, h \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ y \_: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ o \_ y \_ \_, as of evildoers,

t \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ b \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing." ***1 Peter 3:13-17***

1. Suffering for Christ *causes the Christian to grow, and is a sign of privileged worthiness.*

"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that

y \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith i \_ a \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that y \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that y \_ m \_ \_ b \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the kingdom of God, for w \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ a \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;"

***2 Thessalonians 1:3-6***

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1. Suffering for Christ *is thinking like Christ, and proof that the Christian has ceased from sin.*

"Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, a \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_: for he that h \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_

t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ hath c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_;"***1 Peter 4:1***

1. Suffering for Christ *should remind us to think of those that have, and are, suffering worse than we are.*

"Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ more abundant, in s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ above measure, in p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ more frequent, in

d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ oft. Of the Jews five times r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ I f \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ save one. Thrice was I b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_, once was I s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, thrice I

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, a night and a day I have been i \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_; In

 j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ often, in p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, in p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, in perils b \_ m \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, in perils b \_ t \_ \_

h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, in perils i \_ t \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_, in perils i \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, in perils i \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_, in perils a \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; In w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, in w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ often, in h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, in f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ often, in c \_ \_ \_ and n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, t \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ o \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands."

***2 Corinthians 11:23-33***

1. Suffering for Christ *is the wisdom of God upon us.*

"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was g \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ m \_ a t \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, l \_ \_ \_ I s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, M \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_: for m \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ m \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for w \_ \_ \_ I a \_ w \_ \_ \_, t \_ \_ \_ a \_ I s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_."

***2 Corinthians 12:7-10***

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1. Suffering for Christ *(no matter how bad) cannot be compared to what is ahead for the Christian as, being with Christ, heavens glory and eternal life.*

"For I reckon that t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ are n \_ \_

w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ b \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with the glory which shall be revealed in us." ***Romans 8:18***

"But rejoice, inasmuch a \_ y \_ a \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; that, when his glory shall be revealed, y \_ m \_ \_ b \_ g \_ \_ \_

a \_ \_ \_ with e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ j \_ \_." ***1 Peter 4:13***

"But as it is written, Eye h \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_, nor e \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_, n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

h \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ the heart of man, the things which G \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for them that love him." ***2 Corinthians 2:9***

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. I \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: but b \_ o \_ g \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_; *I have* *overcome the world.*" ***John 16:33***

Trials

1. ***Characteristics of* Christians Trials.**
2. Some trials *can be very severe for Christians.*

"For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant o \_ o \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ which came to us in Asia, that w \_ w \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ o \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, above strength, i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ w \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ o \_ l \_ \_ \_: But w \_ h \_ \_ t \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;"

***2 Corinthians 1:8-10***

1. Sometimes *the cause or reason for* the Christians trials *is unknown*.

"Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, 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. I \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_, n \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Job 1:7-22***

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"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, a \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_:" ***1 Peter 4:12***

1. Christians trials *are sometimes physical trials.*

"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, t \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ m \_ a t \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, t \_ \_

m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory i \_ m \_

i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

***2 Corinthians 12:7-10***

1. A Christians trials *are endurable.*

"There hath no temptation taken you b \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ a \_ i \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ m \_ \_:

but G \_ \_ i \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, who w \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ suffer you to b \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ above

that y \_ a \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_; but will with the temptation also m \_ \_ \_ a w \_ \_ t \_

e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that y \_ m \_ \_ b \_ a \_ \_ \_ t \_ b \_ \_ \_ i \_." ***1 Corinthians 10:13***

1. A Christians trials *are rewardable.*

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which h \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. For ye h \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ o \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye m \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. For yet a little while, and h \_ that s \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_, and will not tarry." ***Hebrews 10:35-37***

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, T \_ a \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ incorruptible, and undefiled, and t \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_, r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_

y \_ \_, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be

revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ of

y \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, being m \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might b \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and h \_ \_ \_ \_ and g \_ \_ \_ \_ at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." ***1 Peter 1:3-9***

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1. ***The Design* of Christians trials.**
2. Christian trials are designed *to test faith.*

"And it came to pass after these things, that G \_ \_ d \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, T \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and o \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ a b \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. And Abraham s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_

h \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_, and t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ s \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ s \_ \_. And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: f \_ \_ n \_ \_ I k \_ \_ \_ that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me." ***Genesis 22:1-18***

"A faith that can't be tested, can't be trusted."

1. Christian trials are designed *to purify faith.*

"And h \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ a \_ a r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of silver: and he

s \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the sons of Levi, and p \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering i \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem b \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_, as in the days of old, and as in former years." ***Malachi 3:3,4***

"Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, i \_ n \_ \_ \_ b \_, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the t \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ y \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, being m \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ than of gold that perisheth, though i \_ b \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_, might b \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and h \_ \_ \_ \_ and

g \_ \_ \_ \_ at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having n \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_, y \_ l \_ \_ \_; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." ***1 Peter 1:6-9***

1. Christian trials are designed *to increase patience.*

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ y \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. But l \_ \_

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_, that y \_ m \_ \_ b \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, wanting nothing. Blessed is the man that e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for when he is tried, h \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." ***James 1:2-4,12***

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1. Christian trials are designed *to bring him to a better place.*

"For thou, O God, h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_: thou h \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_, as silver is tried. Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water:

b \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ o \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ a w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_***."***

***Psalms 66:10-12***

"The blessing of the LORD, i \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_, and he a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ i \_." ***Proverbs 10:22***

1. Christians trials are designed *to glorify God.*

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 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. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; f \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ and o \_ G \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_: on their part he is evil spoken of, b \_ \_ o \_ y \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ h \_ i \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_."

***1 Peter 4:12-14***

Chastisement

Before closing out this study on Suffering & Trials, it would not be proper to not include this brief section on what the Bible has to say concerning the Christians Chastening from God. This study is completely geared to the Born-Again Child of God, and this is part of a Christians relationship with the Heavenly Father. Chastisement is good to have part of this study because it sometimes includes "suffering." This type of suffering can be geared toward misbehavior and disobedience, nevertheless, suffering. This type of suffering "all" Christians at one time or another have to be partakers of. Even though Chastisement will help us grow, it is also in line of "*getting things back in their proper order with the Father*" so we can move on and "learn."

**CHASTISEMENT, n.** Correction; punishment; pain inflicted for punishment and correction, either by stripes or otherwise. *"...I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more:"* ***Job***

***34:31***

*"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."* ***Isaiah 53:5***

**SCOURGE, n. skurj. [L. corriggia, from corrigo, to straighten.]** To whip; A punishment; vindictive affliction. To whip severely; to lash. To punish with severity; to chastise; to afflict for sins or faults, and with the purpose of correction. *"...It is lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?"* ***Acts 22:25***

*"Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."****Hebrews 12:6***

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1. ***The Signs* of Chastisement.**
2. A sign of Chastisement *is Sonship.*

"If ye endure chastening, G \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ a \_ w \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_; for what s \_ \_ is he whom the father chasteneth not?" ***Hebrews 12:7***

"Thou shalt also c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_, that, as a man chasteneth his s \_ \_, s \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ G \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_." ***Deuteronomy 8:5***

1. A sign of Chastisement *is God the Fathers Love*.

"My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: F \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth." ***Proverbs 3:11,12***

"Behold, h \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ m \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:" ***Job 5:17***

"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: b \_ \_ h \_ t \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Proverbs 13:24***

"As many a \_ I l \_ \_ \_, I r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: be zealous therefore, and

repent." ***Revelation 3:19***

"And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ a \_ u \_ \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ whom he receiveth." ***Hebrews 12:5,6***

1. **Things Chastisement *is designed for.***
2. Chastisement *is designed to correct.*

"For whom the LORD loveth h \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

e \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ whom he receiveth." ***Hebrews 12:6***

"Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of Judah, whom I have sent o \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ into the land of the Chaldeans f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_

g \_ \_ \_." ***Jeremiah 24:5***

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"My son, despise not the c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the LORD; neither be weary of his

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_:" ***Proverbs 3:11***

"But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ t \_ \_

v \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ their God, n \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth." ***Jeremiah 7:28***

"A \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is given by inspiration of God, and i \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for doctrine, for reproof, f \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, for instruction in righteousness:"

***2 Timothy 3:16***

1. Chastisement *is designed to produce fruit.*

"But t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is *love*, *joy*, *peace*, *longsuffering*, *gentleness*, *goodness*, *faith*, *Meekness*, *temperance*: against such there is no law."***Galatians 5:22,23***

"Herein is my Father glorified, t \_ \_ \_ y \_ b \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ f \_\_ \_ \_; so shall ye be

my disciples." ***John 15:8***

1. Chastisement is designed *to bless the Child of God.*

"The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity. B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_

t \_ \_ m \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, O LORD, and t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ out of thy law; That thou m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked. For the LORD w \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance." ***Psalms 94:11-14***

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ y \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto them which are exercised thereby." ***Hebrews 12:11***

1. Chastisement *defers God's anger.*

"For m \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ I d \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_, and for my praise

w \_ \_ \_ I r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, that I c \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ o \_ \_. Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. For m \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_, even f \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another." ***Isaiah 48:9-11***

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1. ***Scriptural response to* Chastisement.**
2. Response *should be Repentance.*

"But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_."

***Matthew 9:13***

"And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

y \_, and believe the gospel." ***Mark 1:15***

"I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." ***Luke 15:7***

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ m \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_:" ***Acts 17:30; 11:18***

1. Response *should be Submission.*

"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there w \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ m \_ a t \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted a \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. For this thing I b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that i \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ from me. And h \_ s \_ \_ \_ unto me, M \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. M \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

w \_ \_ \_ I r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ I t \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." ***2 Corinthians 12:7-10***

"The haters of the LORD s\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

u \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_: but their time should have endured for ever. He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee." ***Psalms 81:15,16***

"For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, h \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto the righteousness of God." ***Romans 10:3***

"S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ therefore t \_ G \_ \_. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." ***James 4:7***

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1. Response *should be Endurance.*

"And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ the chastening of the Lord, n \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_

w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_:" ***Hebrews 12:5***

"If ye e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" ***Hebrews 12:7***

"But watch thou in all things, e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." ***2 Timothy 4:5***

"B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ m \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." ***James 1:12***

"Behold, w \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. 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." ***James 5:11***

1. Response *should be Confession.*

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. I \_ w \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_, h \_ i \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ j \_ \_ \_ t \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

u \_ o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_, and t \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." ***1 John 1:8-10***

"C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ t \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." ***James 5:16***

1. ***Forms of* Chastisement**
2. The *Thorn.*

"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, t \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ m \_ a t \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." ***2 Corinthians 12:7-9***

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The **Thorn** is to keep us humble and prevent sin. **Reproof.**

1. The *Knife.*

"Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and e \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, h \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_, that it may bring forth more fruit." ***John 15:2***

The **Knife** is used for pruning to keep us fruitful and healthy, and to bear even more fruit. Also, to teach us **doctrine** (what is and is not; right and wrong.)

1. The *word of God.*

"N \_ \_ y \_ a \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ through t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ which I h \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto you." ***John 15:3***

The **word of God** is to keep us clean from the world, the flesh, and the Devil. It deals directly with the heart. **Instruction in righteousness.**

1. The *Whip.*

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ whom he receiveth." ***Hebrews 12:6***

The **Whip** is to keep us heavenly minded and dependent upon God. It also helps us not to have to repeat lessons we have already been taught once before. **Correction.**

This will conclude our study on Suffering and Trials. Thank you for honoring the Lord and following through with you allegiance to Him.

*"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* ***2 Timothy 2:15***

*"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."* ***1 Peter 5:7***



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