

Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

2Timothy 2:2

Store In My Heart

Colossians 1:13-14

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The world is a domain filled with darkness. Wickedness is all around us. Christ is the way out of the darkness of sin. His kingdom is where we can find redemption and forgiveness. Obedience to His Gospel will change your life. Sometimes we get caught up in the wicked things that are around us. But from the depths of darkness you can be lifted to the heights of glory. If you will enter into the light of the kingdom of Christ.

Many seek to hide in the darkness, but the light of Christ is the only way to find peace. It is the only path to eternal life. Though God has provided the way, we must willingly submit to follow if we want life.



“But I ...”

Dan Henderson

It seems that everywhere I look good people are constantly complaining about how things are going. If it is not concern about sickness, I hear complaints about how much fuel costs are increasing. Or the weather is wrong, too hot, too wet, too windy are common phrases. The government is wrong is another common idea. When someone offers solutions based on Scriptures that instruct us to trust in God, many complain and counter with how we need to confront and combat the evil around us.

When things do not go the way we might wish we need to be careful how we choose to react. It is easy to look around and notice everything that is going wrong and then cry out to God, "Why will you not help me? I am doing good and following your will, but you seem to be against me." My good conduct should keep me from having to suffer like the evil ones around me. We remember all those verses where God promises to watch over and keep us and automatically apply them to life on Earth. The price increases on our favorite snack and we think, "But Jesus said God would take care of things if I put His kingdom first." This should not be happening to me. Sometimes we even begin to blame God for the difficulties that we are facing.

I am convinced that God has given us the answer to every problem we may face in life. I also know that sometimes I will not like the answer He has given. That does not change the fact that He has given a solution! We need to look to the

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For Our Information

John Ragsdale's eye surgery was good.

Betty Ragsdale is dealing with several issues and pain.

Gracie Simpson is in Florida this weekend

Tami Melton is now under hospice care.

JoBeth's brother-in-law cut off the ends of the fingers on his left hand. Surgery went well, but as a diabetic regulating meds is tricky.

Tonight we start with 1Kings 8:12.

Wednesday we begin in 1Timothy 3.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

Word that has been left to guide us to Heaven if we want to find the answer and we need to be willing to accept what God has said no matter how we feel about it.

Now we could turn to Job and find some teaching regarding these things. But we are familiar with Job's 'conversation' with God and how that turned out. Maybe it is time to consider a more pointed response. Recently I have been reading in Jeremiah. We all know he was a prophet during the time when God brought destruction upon the Jewish nation for their continual wickedness and idolatry. Have you read Jeremiah 45 recently? Baruch, his scribe, had evidently been complaining that all he had was sorrow and pain. He felt weary and tired. Judah was falling apart around him. They were being invaded by foreign kingdoms and it was causing Baruch problems. Baruch felt the Lord was causing him more trouble than he deserved.

Jeremiah 45 records a message from the Lord to Baruch regarding his complaint. He told Baruch that he should be glad to get away with his life considering what God was doing. The Lord said he was destroying the entire land that he had built. Baruch's suffering was nothing in light of the suffering of wicked Judah, or for that matter, God's suffering at having to punish Judah again. In plain words God told Baruch to quit complaining about a little suffering when destruction was all around him. He was only focusing on self when God was concerned with an entire nation.

There is a lesson for us in this short chapter. First, God never promised that we would not suffer. In fact Paul tells us that persecution is certain for those who serve the Lord. (**2Timothy 2:3, 3:12**) Second, we do not see things from God's vantage point. He has plans and is busy working in ways which we will never comprehend. (**Isaiah 55:8-9**) And finally, God has promised to get us out alive. He has never promised any greater reward than overcoming death to be with Him for eternity. Even when He destroys everything He built, He will give life to those who chose to serve Him faithfully in the midst of the wickedness of this world. Job, Noah, Lot and even Baruch escaped His destruction with their lives. We will received the same reward if we are faithful. Quit complaining and turn your focus to eternity.



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!