

Today is March 02, 2025

The most precious thing in Heaven or earth!

By John Flavel, from his "The Fountain of Life" 1671

"His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem." Song of Solomon 5:16

In giving Christ to die for poor sinners, God gave the richest jewel in His cabinet! This is a mercy of the greatest worth, and most inestimable value.

Heaven itself is not so valuable and precious as Christ is! Ten thousand thousand worlds, as many worlds as angels can number - would not outweigh Christ's love, excellency and sweetness! O what a lovely One! What an excellent, beautiful, ravishing One - is Christ!

Put the beauty of ten thousand paradises, like the garden of Eden, into one; put all flowers, all pleasing fragrances, all colors, all delicious tastes, all joys, all sweetness, all loveliness into one - O what a lovely and excellent thing would that be! And yet it would be less compared to that loveliest and dearest well-beloved Christ - than one drop of rain compared to all the seas, rivers, lakes, and fountains of ten thousand earths!

Now, for God to bestow this mercy of mercies, the most precious thing in Heaven or earth, upon poor sinners; and, as great, as lovely, as excellent as His Son was - what kind of love is this!

"...yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend..."

Lord, Please Answer Me When I Call

"To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm of David. Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah. But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD. There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety."

Psalms 4:1 - 8

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Our Prayer List

"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, 12-year-old Lucas, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Sister Rebecca Sidders, Mark and Kathy Johnson, Pray for a month old baby boy, Sister Rebecca Johnson.

Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

"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." Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

“A thought for the week From Our Pastor.”

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;” 1 Peter 5:2

Are Tribulations, Trials, and Persecutions Bad?

Romans 5:3 *“And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;”*

The question is, are tribulations, trials and persecution bad for a Christian, and the answer is no. In Romans chapter 5 verses 1 – 11 God describes a believer’s life; He also describes how He builds a believer’s strength as a Christian into maturity. We must never forget that we are flesh, therefore our abilities to comprehend and keep our minds focused are sometimes hard. This explains why the Holy Spirit must bring things back to our memory. *“...and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”* John 14:26 If we had a perfect understanding of God and a perfect memory of God’s works then we would be in heaven, because in this flesh we will fail to understand. For example, God said, *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”* Rom. 8:28 However, do we really comprehend God’s thoughts, powers, and actions in our life through this verse? If we had a perfect understanding of this verse and God’s Sovereign Powers, then we would never need the Holy Spirit to remind us that God controls every single aspect of our life’s happenings. Do we truly, without doubt, worry, or confusion glory in our tribulations in life? Do we simply apply the tribulations, trials, and even persecution to the working of God in our life for a purpose He is applying for our better and growth? Do tribulations in your life build patients or do you worry, and cry? Listen to the Apostle Paul in 2 Cor12:10 *“Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: **for when I am weak, then am I strong.**”* Did you know that persecutions build strength in our faith in Jesus? And when these things come do we glory in the Lord, we ought too. Listen again to the Apostle Paul, *“Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: **but out of them all the Lord delivered me.**”* 2 Tim 3:11. Now go back and study what events Paul is talking about, did you know that at one point Paul was stoned so badly, they thought they was dead? *“And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, **having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.**”* Acts 14:19. But even though they tried to kill him, he returned to do God’s work in those cities, why, *“but out of them all the Lord delivered me.”*

Pastor’s Thought Continue.

In conclusion, one of the hardest things we can do in life is to just simply trust that God is doing these things for our own good. It is easy to forget the Sovereign hand of God is behind these things and panic. In some way we all do it at some point, because we are not perfect, we all have weaknesses. It is when God reminds us, we remember and come to our spiritual senses and accept that GOD IS SOVEREIGN, He has promised that EVERYTHING is for our good, and that HE WILL DELIVER US. However, this depends on the strength of the believer’s faith and knowledge of God and His word of promise, if a believer does not grow much their level of understanding will be so weak, they may never understand. A question we must all ask ourselves, do we know *“that tribulation worketh patience;”* and that the harder the tribulations the more patients it builds. Therefore, the next time tribulations, trials, and/or persecutions come our way, even if we panic, let us remember *“that God is building patience and that He WILL deliver us.* The question must be, **HOW STRONG IS OUR FAITH IN GOD?**

Church information and Happenings

- Please remember to be in much prayer for Brother Ronnie Henderson and Sister Sarah.
- Please remember Sister Rebecca Johnson as she is rehabbing.
- Please remember Brother David O’Neal had hip replacement and is rehabbing
- Please pray for Missionary Dan Sullivan’s eye surgery
- Happy Anniversary to Brother Larry & Martha Mollette Tuesday March 4th
- Happy Birthday to Sister Alice Hoskins Saturday March 8th

Don’t Forget Next Sunday March 09 is Time Change

