

Lesson 48 Answers and Comments

Thorn	access	died
Flesh	confidence	washed
Three	no	changed
Sufferings	more	apparel
Compared	mater	worshipped
Besought	pray	
Lord	desire	
Pour	filled	
Art	knowledge	
Thine	will	
Heart	hearken	
Continuing	words	
Prayer	utterly	
Praying	destroy	
Always	spared	
Prayer	best	
Supplication	sheep	
Every	oxen	
Thing	good	
Prayer	not	
Thanksgiving	destroy	
Requests	grieved	
Continue	cried	
Prayer	all	
Pray	right	
Ceasing	surely	
Access	die	
Boldness	besought	

I hope you enjoyed this study. Isn't it nice to know that men of God like Moses, Samuel and David occasionally prayed in a less than "stellar" way? We did not take the time to look at their joy when they finally aligned themselves with God's will. We did see that David washed himself, put on fresh clothes, worshipped and ate! That's what I call a real reversal in attitude. When we focus on our troubles we often lose interest in life, our appearance, and sometimes even our appetite is affected. Do you remember what Paul and Silas did after they were beaten and thrown into prison? Acts 16:25 "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God..." God has a provision called "grace" that is able to put a song in our hearts no matter the troubles that come our way!

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II Cor. 12:9 “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 infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

I love how Paul begins this verse. “And he _____ unto _____...” The answer to all of our troubles is in what God has to say to us! God spoke personally to Paul. Do you ever feel like God is not personally speaking to you? Paul tells the Thessalonians in I Thess. 2:13 “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye _____ the _____ of _____ which ye _____ of _____, ye received it _____ as the _____ of _____, but as it is in truth, the _____ of _____, which effectually _____ in you that _____.”

We need to approach the Bible in exactly the same way as these Thessalonians.

Heb. 4:12 “For the _____ of _____ is _____ and _____, and _____ than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Acts 20:32 “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the _____ of his _____, which is _____ to _____ you _____, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”

The Bible is God’s word. It is to be received as such. It is able to work in our lives. It is God’s chosen vehicle through which He communicates to us.

God said some words to Paul about His provision for him in his trouble. We understand that these are also God’s words to us. It is critically important to know which words of God are about you. All scripture is for us but not all scripture is about and to us. Going to Israel’s law and kingdom program for our provisions in the dispensation of grace will lead to confusion, disappointment and defeat. Not to mention dishonoring and being disobedient to God.

In past lessons we have studied the verses that tell us about Paul’s apostleship and authority for the body of Christ. Rom. 11:13, I Cor. 14:37, Gal. 1:6-12, Gal. 2:7, 8, Eph. 3:1-9, II Tim. 1:13.

II Cor. 12:9 “And he said unto me, _____ is _____ for _____...”

God’s grace! On the basis, ground, merit of the finished work of Christ, (His death for our sin on the cross) God’s grace is free to:

1. Eph. 2:8, 9 “For by _____ are ye _____...” Save the sinner!
2. Rom. 3:24 “Being _____ freely by his _____...” Justify us!

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3. Eph. 1:7 “In whom we have _____ through his blood, the _____ of _____, according to the riches of his _____;” Forgive all our sins!
4. Rom. 5:2 “By whom also we have _____ by faith into this _____ wherein we _____...” Given us a standing in grace! We have been made to stand in grace.

As believers we have been permanently set in all the provisions secured for us (at the cross) by God’s grace. (Holy, righteous, accepted, forgiven, justified, made fit for heaven, adopted, joint heirs, etc.) We have been made to stand in this grace.

5. Eph. 1:6 “To the praise of the glory of his _____, wherein he hath made us _____ in the beloved.” Accepted in Christ!

Grace is not just a word. It’s the outpouring of the very character of Almighty God to you and me based on the ground of the death of Christ.

God says to Paul, “My grace is sufficient for thee...” What more do you need??? You are not lacking in one single thing that is of any value! Think of what you have in God’s grace then name one thing that you need in addition. You can’t!

God’s grace is sufficient! It’s enough. Look at some of the passages where God uses the word sufficient.

Ex. 36:5-7 vs. 5 “...the people bring _____ than _____ for the service of the work... vs. 7 For the stuff they had was _____ for _____ the _____ to make it, and _____.”

Deut. 15:8 “But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him _____ for his _____, in that which he wanteth.”

Is. 40:16 “And Lebanon is _____ sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof _____ for a burnt offering.”

Matt. 6:34 “... _____ unto the day is the evil thereof.”

Luke 14:28 “For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have _____ to _____ it?”

John 6:7 “...Two hundred penny worth of bread is _____ for them...”

II Cor. 2:6 “ _____ to such a man is this punishment...”

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II Cor. 3:5 “Not that we are _____ of _____ to think any thing as of ourselves; but our _____ is of God.”

II Cor. 9:8 “And God is _____ to make all _____ abound toward you; that ye, _____ having all _____ in all things, may abound to every good work.”

Our troubles are handled with God’s sufficient grace! It’s enough. Do we really believe that?? What isn’t enough about God’s grace for your problems???

Spend time pondering, meditating on what God’s grace has done for you and prove to yourself that it is truly sufficient.