

Lesson 51 Answers and Comments

Perfect	perplexed	not
Weakness	persecuted	Christ
Earthen	cast	faith
Vessels	down	Son
Excellency	chosen	God
Power	foolish	loved
Grace	chosen	gave
Not	weak	
Grace	base	
God	despised	
With	chosen	
Gift	wise	
Grace	flesh	
Given	mighty	
His	noble	
Power	without	
Less	strength	
Least	dead	
God	sins	
Worketh	whole	
Through	physician	
Strengtheneth	sick	
His	righteous	
Worketh	sinners	
Mightily	repentance	
Troubled	crucified	

It was God's desire to carry Israel as it were on "eagles wings". Ex. 19:4 "...and how I bare you on eagles wings, and brought you unto myself." Israel constantly resisted and spurned their God.

Matt. 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

Deut. 33:27 "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them."

The provisions God made for Israel are not to be confused with God's provisions for the Body of Christ.

One of God's most precious possessions today is the church, the body of Christ. He has eternally secured us. He has made provision for our journey here on earth. God fortifies his saints with the sound doctrine of His word.

Rom. 2:2 "...but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..."

The transforming power of the word of God is available to all of us.

Lesson 52 Glorifying in Infirmities

II Cor. 12:9 "...Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities,

that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

When we have the appreciation for God’s all sufficient grace that strengthens us, we will be able to have this godly approach to our infirmities.

Paul actually gloried in his infirmities. I have to admit that it comes easier for a lot of us to “complain” about our infirmities. Infirmities are a part of life.

Rom. 8:23 “And not only they, but _____ also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves _____ within ourselves...” vs. 21 we see that we will one day be delivered from the _____ of _____. Vs. 18 Paul writes, “For I reckon that the _____ of this present time...”

Sufferings and groanings are inevitable, but they should point us to our hope! In vs. 18 Paul goes on to say that we should contrast our suffering to the _____ which shall be revealed in us. And in vs. 23, our groaning should focus our attention on the _____ of our body. Every pain should be a joyous reminder that we are getting closer to the day when we will be at home in heaven with our Saviour!

Did you ever go somewhere and you couldn’t wait to get there? Along the way you pass familiar landmarks that let you know that your almost there. Infirmities are like those landmarks, each one says, “we’re almost there!”

Each infirmity, trouble or tribulation is an opportunity to experience the power of Christ resting on us.

Troubles, for the believer, are not just something to get through.

Rom. 5:3 “And not only so, but we _____ in _____ also: knowing that tribulation _____ patience; vs. 4 and patience, experience; and experience, _____...”

II Cor. 4:17 “For our light affliction, which is but for a _____, _____ for us a far more exceeding and eternal _____ of _____.”

The believer can let his troubles work for him, not against him. Troubles can intensify the reality of who we are and what we have as new creatures in Christ! If we don’t know what that is and if we don’t have an appreciation for that, troubles will not be productive for God’s glory in our lives.

Unfortunately, many believers think that the “power of Christ” resting on them is unto deliverance from their infirmities. God has a deliverance program for the body of Christ.

Phil. 3:21 “Who shall _____ our _____, that it may be _____ like unto his _____, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.”

Lesson 52 Continued

I Thes. 3:17 “Then we which are alive and remain shall be _____

up together with them in the clouds, to _____ the _____ in the air: and so shall we _____ be with the Lord."

I Cor. 15:51, 52 "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be _____, vs. 52 In a _____, in the _____ of an _____, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be _____ incorruptible, and we shall be _____."

For right now, this moment in time, we endure our infirmity.

II Thess. 1:4 "So that we ourselves glory in you... for your _____ and _____ in _____ your _____ and _____ that ye _____:"

A good barometer for our spiritual maturity can be found in how we approach the tough times in our lives. Do we say with Paul in II Cor. 12:10 "Therefore I take _____ in _____, in _____, in _____, in _____, in _____, in _____ for Christ's sake: for when I am _____, then I am _____."

We've looked at that verse in Job 5:7 that tells us that "Yet man is _____ unto _____, as the _____ fly _____."

I pray that whatever trouble your going through or that lies ahead will work in your life to produce a reliance on God's all sufficient grace. That in your weakness you would be strengthened with God's power unto all longsuffering with joyfulness. Let's let the distresses of this life bring into focus all the wonderful realities of the "glory which shall be revealed in us."