###### THE SECOND is designed to purify and perfect the believer (James 1:2-4; 5:13; Rom. 5:3-5; 8:18 II Thess. 1:4-7; Isaiah 48:10; 63:9; Hosea 5:15; II Chron. 33:12; I Peter 5:9,10).

###### In both cases you that are spiritual must be a help to those that are afflicted (James 1:17; Gal. 6:1; I Cor. 2:15).

###### How to pray in affliction.

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| INSTRUCTION | REFERENCE |
| Learn to pray through alone. (learn to believe God for yourself, but there is strength and victory when everyone works together) | James 5:13; Isaiah 51:1,2; 40:31;  Psalm 34:19; 40:1,2 |
| You can’t pray away the night of sorrow, but you can endure. | James 1:12; 5:11; Hebrews 12:7 |
| Let God change you inside while you praise Him through the trial. | James 5:13b—sing |
| Pray that you enter not into temptation. | Luke 22:40,46; |
| Watch you therefore and pray always. | Luke 21:36 |
| Three examples to follow when suffering affliction are given by James. | 5:10 (The prophets); 5:11 (Job); 5:17 (Elijah) |

There is strength and victory when everyone works together

Ps 102:22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

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2 Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.

4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.

6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,

10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

11 My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

23 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

<<A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.>>

1-11 AFFLICTION unto GLORY 12-28

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      2. For I have eaten ashes like bread 9
         1. and mingled my drink with weeping 9
3. I am like a pelican of the **wilderness** 6
4. I am like an owl of the **desert** 6
5. I watch, and am as a sparrow **alone** upon the **house top** 7
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A deep sense of urgency

1. A personal appeal
   1. Bodily sufferings, Physical anguish
   2. Mental anguish of life afflicting the mind 3,11
      1. Life is so short
      2. Mental anguish destroyed his appetite for food
         1. A suffering mind can make a body stress out
         2. An afflicted body can make a mind stress out
   3. Social sufferings 8
   4. Moral sufferings 24
   5. Religious sufferings 10
      1. A man can suffer unnecessarily by not understanding the Will or ways of God.
2. A cry for the Nation
3. His need in light of his renewed hope for the nation 10

The struggle of faith Obeying the Lord, The Revealed Word Eternity-guarantees deliverance. Redemption is promised, “It is Finished” Salvation is accomplished

13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

The set time is come that you will suffer

You will suffer rejection

Rejecting or Rejection

You will suffer

For what you know of the truth and for what you don’t know about people

This is one praying that has been afflicted,

* 1. One that has heard from God, has become afflicted but now is seeing his condition in the sense that he needs God but does not know if God would hear him

1. The prayer of the Afflicted

Ps 102:1 ¶ <<A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.>> Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.

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1. The Prayer of the Prisoner
2. The Prayer of those that serve the Lord

18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

DELIVERANCE, UNITY, PRAYER MORE DELIVERANCE, UNITY, PRAYER

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20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Lu 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Psalm 102:13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

Lu 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Ac 3:24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Ps 102:25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

Heb 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Ga 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law

God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts

Mary received the word of God.

Mary conceived by the spoken Word.

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Ps 102:22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

Ezr 6:21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,

Mt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Ro 15:19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

Tit 1:3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

Zec 8:20 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:

21 And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also.

22 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Mt 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Mr 1:17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

Mt 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Mt 13:35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

Mt 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Mt 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

I will build my church

Mt 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

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Joh 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Joh 15:26 ¶ But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Joh 16:7 ¶ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

“**I will make of thee a great nation**”

Gen. 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Gen. 28:4 And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

Ga 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

**Son’s by Promise, Son’s by the Word,**

Gal. 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Ge 49:25 Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:

Ge 49:26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

De 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Jos 8:34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

Ps 21:3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

Pr 10:6 ¶ Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

Pr 28:20 ¶ A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

Mal 2:2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

Eph 1:3 ¶ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

De 32:9 For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;

De 33:13 And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,

De 33:24 And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil.

Job 29:6 When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;

Eze 12:22 Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth?

Eze 12:23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.

Eze 12:28 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but **the word** which I have spoken shall be **done**, **saith the Lord GOD**.

“There shall none of my words be prolonged anymore”

He had waited to be gracious; they abused his mercy; and at last the longsuffering of the Lord released wrath upon them with irresistible force.

**The Prayer of faith** - The Word (The Book- of life, bible) - The Glory of God

Ps 102:1 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.

12 But thou, **O LORD**, shalt **endure** for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

Ex 32:32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

Ex 33:13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

Ex 34:9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

Ex 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

Nu 14:18 The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

Ps 86:15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Jer 15:15 ¶ O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.

Ro 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Ro 9:22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

2Co 6:6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

Ga 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Eph 4:2 ¶ With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Col 1:11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

Col 3:12 ¶ Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

1Ti 1:16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

2Ti 3:10 ¶ But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

1Pe 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

2Pe 3:9 ¶ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2Pe 3:15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

1. The prayer of the Afflicted

Ps 102:1 ¶ <<A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.>> Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.

1Co 5:2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

2Co 7:7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.

**9** Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry **after** a **godly** **manner**, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

2Co 2:4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

Affliction and Glory

2Co 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

1. Light Affliction
   1. But for a moment
      1. Worketh for us
2. We should not be overwhelmed by trials.
3. We dhould never complain to God
4. We should not come short of His Glory.

Ro 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Jas 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

1Co 14:26 ¶ How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

Ac 16:25 ¶ And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

Look at the trials of time in the light of eternity.

The present buffetings, are opportunities to exercise our faith in the Word.

Faith exercised affects the inner man. If these truths were firmly grasped by faith they would alleviate the bitterness of our sorrows.

There is no hope of our restoration by only efforts of our own.

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24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.  
2Co 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

A striking and glorious contrast

our future state with our present.

Now there is "affliction," then "glory."

Now there is "light affliction," then “exceeding and eternal weight of glory” Glory to Glory, might of glory.

In our affliction we need understanding and wisdom

It is a light affliction, and it is but for a moment;

It is working for us not against us.

In our promise of glory there is exceeding strength and eternity!

let us consider, the preciousness of this contrast.  
  
1. "A far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

The Greek word for glory “doxa”

dignity, glory(-ious), honour, praise, worship

More and more and more

Ps 104:31 ¶ The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

The Hebrew word for "glory"-kabod-also means "weight." When weight is added to the value of gold or precious stones this increases their worth.

The Glory of God cannot be told in words

Heaven's happiness cannot be taught by the words of earth;

Figurative expressions, best calculated convey only imperfect views to us.

One term is piled up on top of another. That which awaits faith is "glory," and when we say that a thing is glorious we have reached the limits of human language to express that which is excellent and perfect. But the "glory" awaiting us is weighted, yea it is "far more exceeding" weighty than anything terrestrial and temporal; its value defies reckoning by the natural mind; while its transcendent excellency that is beyond verbal description is added to our soul from faith to faith. This wondrous glory is working, being added but also working.

Glory is awaiting us but not short-lived and temporal, but Divine and eternal; "eternal" and Divine. The great and blessed God is going to share that which is worthy of Himself, yea that which is like Himself-infinite and everlasting.

2. "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment."

(1)"Affliction" is the common lot of human existence;

Job 5:7 Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

Part of the cause of affliction is to reveal sin is in the world not always your own but to help bare the load through prayer.

A fallen creature should not be happy in his sins. Nor are the children of God exempted; There is a cause, there is a cross, By a hard and rugged road God will lead us to glory and immortality.

Ac 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Ps 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

(2) Our affliction is "light." Afflictions are not light in themselves for ofttimes they are heavy and grievous; but they are light comparatively!

a. They are light when compared with what we really deserve.

b. They are light when compared with the sufferings of the Lord Jesus.

c. The real lightness is best seen by comparing them with the weight of glory which is awaiting faith to be working in us from glory to glory.

2Co 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

Ro 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

(3) "Which is but for a moment.

At most our affliction is but for this present life, which is as a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Oh that God would enable us to examine our trials in their true perspective.

Jas 4:14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Ps 102:3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.  
 3. The connection between present affliction-Glory working.

* + - 1. Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, "worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

The present working is producing a powerful future. It is not for us to reason or complain, but to take God at His Word and believe it. Oftentimes afflictions appear to sour us and make us rebellious and discontented. But afflictions are not sent by God for the purpose of purifying the flesh: they are designed for the benefit of the "new man."

Afflictions help to prepare us for the glory of God’s grace not our thoughts.

Ps 102:23 ¶ He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Eph 1:12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

Eph 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

1Pe 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

2Co 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 my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2Co 11:30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

1Pe 4:14 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.

Affliction draws away our heart from the love of the world; it makes us long more for the time when we shall be translated from this wilderness of sin and sorrow; it will enable us to appreciate (by way of contrast) the things which God had prepared for them that love Him.

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

2Ti 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; 12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

*Decree of Defense*, the Jews had time to prepare and mobilize themselves against all adversaries. In city after city throughout the empire, the Jews banded together to defend themselves against all who sought their death. If each family had stood alone, they would have been easy prey. But by banding together in cities, they were able to successfully defend themselves when attacked.

Es 8:13 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

Es 3:13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.

Es 8:11 Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey,

Es 9:15 For the Jews that were in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the prey they laid not their hand.

Es 9:16 But the other Jews that were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the prey,

### The Trying of Your Faith (Joy and Patience) James 1:1-27

#### There are five urgent requirements of faith: Joy, Patience, Wisdom, Unwavering Mind and Love.

* **Joy**. Count it a joy to serve God even when your faith is being tried. We can have a Joy that will rejoice in the Promise rather than react to the problem. Where Christ is working there is Joy. James 1:2 “Count it all joy” 5:10; 4:9 Joy is the results of a life lived in the Spirit. Everything could be against you and you have Joy.
* **Patience**. Know that the trial is to work Patience so that we press in, press through and press on. Patience is a sign your faith is working. Patience has its place with Faith and Joy unto Perfection. Where Christ is working there is Patience.

James 1:3—*The trying of your faith worketh patience.*

James 1:4—*Let patience have her perfect work.*

* **Wisdom**. Ask for Wisdom and it shall be given. We are given the Unction to speak and act wisely in the hour of trial. Where Christ is working there is wisdom.

James 1:5—*If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God*…

* **Unwavering mind.** We need a humble mind that will always depend on the Lord. A faith that refuses to respond to the surging billows of doubt in the hour of trial. Endurance has its place with Faith and Love through every trial. Where Christ is working there is endurance (1:12) with an unwavering mind.

James 1:6—…*nothing wavering*…

James 1:8—*A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*

* **Love**. Pure Love never fails to make faith work perfectly. Faith and love are content with God’s dealings in the hour of trial. Where Christ is working there is Love.

James 1:12—*Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*

James 1:2—*My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*

#### There are diverse temptations and trials. 1:2

##### Faith tried by the Word. Ps. 105:19; Jer. 23:29; I Cor. 3:13; I Peter 1:7,2

Ps 102:23 ¶ He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days. {weakened: Heb. afflicted}

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations. 28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

Promises (1:12) /Father of lights (1:17) /Word of Truth (1:18) /engrafted Word (1:21,23) /The Perfect Law of liberty (1:25) /Gospel: pure & unspotted religion /Wisdom from Above (3:17)

###### God tests and never tempts (James1:12-13). God tests to prove our faith, correct our conduct and to perfect our character.

###### God allows temptation (James 1:2, 12-13; 2:5; 5:13; I Cor. 10:13).

God allows temptation as we need it to make us feel our need to pray.

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| REFERENCE | WHY? |
| Psalm 119:67 | Because we didn’t listen directly to the Word of God. |
| James 1:14 | For the unbeliever to see his faults and weaknesses. |
| 1Co 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. |  |
| I Cor.3:13 | The fiery trial reveals to others who you really are. |
| I Cor.15:57; II Cor. 2:14 | God gives victory and causes Triumph. |
| Matt. 4:1-4; Rev. 12:6; 13-16 | The wilderness experience is a feeding time spiritually. |

###### God rewards those that truly love Him. James 1:12

##### Faith Tried by Afflictions, Hardships, Tests, and Trials. Affliction is any condition that produces suffering or pain.

###### There are two types of affliction:

###### THE FIRST is designed to judge sin (Isaiah 53:4; Matthew 24:29; Romans 2:9)