

Devotional Thoughts :: Treasures in Darkness

Treasures in Darkness - posted by donnaemmons9, on: 2008/1/15 20:20

1 Peter 4:12-14 reads Beloved do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you as though some strange thing happened to you but rejoice to the extent that you partake of CHRIST'S sufferings that when HIS glory is revealed you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

If you are suffering for CHRIST my friend look up! As we keep our eyes on HIM many good things result from suffering. We are to keep our eyes firmly fixed on CHRIST who committed no sin not even reviling in return. He uttered no threats but kept entrusting HIMSELF to GOD. HE models for us how to triumph through suffering.

Suffering for HIM should be a time of victory not just a time of trying to get by gritting it out. It is about our identification with CHRIST and the blessings that result. We should expect and prepare for suffering. If the world hated CHRIST and we are trying to be like JESUS then it will hate us also. It is a sign that we are HIS children.

When we suffer unjustly for CHRIST we will discover a closer relationship resulting that will refresh our spirits. Those most blessed will suffer the most. God offers hope in the midst of our pain and as we develop a deeper relationship with HIM through it we learn to trust HIM in a greater way. We can make peace with our circumstances and survive its torment graciously.

This intense fire burns away impurities in our life, proves our character and allows the pure nature of CHRIST to come forth. It produces holiness and spiritual growth in us. As we give our lives for Christ by suffering it draws others closer to HIM. Therefore, it enhances our Christian testimony. Others will watch us closely and will listen to what we have to say as they see us acting like JESUS in the midst of our storm.

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Re: Treasures in Darkness - posted by HIServant (), on: 2008/1/16 7:16

The simple irrefutable truths of HIS WORD are the best. "It perfects HIS likeness in us. GOD receives glory when HIS people distinguish themselves under suffering with a CHRIST like attitude." Amen and amen! :)