

The Beauty Of The Thorns

Thorns are the unbearable and painful situations that God allows us to pass through.

From day to day, we are made to experience some of these situations that could be really unpleasant.

Though some can be excruciating and very difficult, others could be very insignificant too.

But in everything, the life lessons we finally come out with after being through these dilemmas are normally very strong and powerful.

The Diagnosis of The Thorns

A rare saying not traceable in the lips of many 'To mourn is beautiful'.

For situations as this allows for in depth thinking and a heightened measure of sobriety.

And as such, an impeccable formation of strength, character and wisdom is structurally worked into us.

And so making for a differing personality that wouldn't struggle to go through the operations of life.

Identically, strong men are only made strong because of the training they went through.

And many times too, we'd always wish they never came our way.

Even so, we'd want to escape those moments; and rather ease ourselves with something convenient and restful.

But still, those life tricks on us do not always work.

Instead, we find out that even the eternal God allows them to come our way.

And so, even though we had fearfully prayed them away, we still saw them coming back, glaring at us.

In actuality, it then means that beyond those experiences, there is a purpose in God's heart.

Likewise, there is a work He intends doing inside of us which is really important to Him especially in relationship with His eternal purpose.

Hence, in order that these circumstances do not become wasteful, we must humbly receive them as God's dealing towards us.

This is the only way we can yield to the holy spirit in seasons like this.

When we do so, these rudiments though carnal become mighty weapons in God's hands to work out His righteousness.

They become exceeding the weight of God's glory afterwards.

When others see this glory, they give there dearest respects.

But inside of this glory remains the secret scars that were formed during those process seasons.

The major essence is that we become mature and perfect.

Infact, this is how true sonship in the kingdom is attained.

Rom.8.17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

It is with such mind we must arm ourselves with.

Instead of scaring away from it.

This must be, especially when we know that God has allowed such.

We must receive it with all patience, learning all of the lessons it brings.

This would make for our perfection.

For indeed, even Jesus was only made perfect by the things He suffered.

Heb.2.10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

We must also allow ourselves to go through the training of life.

The one who is scared away from necessary experiences needed to ground him or her will not go far.

Sure, the relief there is that the holy spirit in us comforts, strengthens, succors and reassures us in those moments.

And sure, if we are attuned in the spirit even in those circumstances of life, we would also experience that newness and fervor of His presence.

Also, we must not allow the situations of life to mar us but to make us.

We must trust the Lord for every strength and wisdom to go through them.

We must even count it all as joy.

Jas.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. (KJV)

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (KJV)

The Path Of Sonship

Prov.14.12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Naturally, this is the pronouncement of God towards mankind.

Isa.55.9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Do you notice the similarity in these two above scriptures?

The ways that the natural man is always inclined to follow, its end thereof are the ways of death.

These ways are disparate to God's own ways.

It also means that inherent in man is a disability to think out the right way ie God's way.

He would only think out the ways of death.

This is a very crucial matter.

For mankind is a very complex being.

And so many times, God would need to take man through dealings; and some of them could be really pressing.

But the end remains that God's own purpose is achieved and we are transformed to become more and more like God.

Heb.12.5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

God's love for us demands that he chastises us.

This is not a teaching about punishment; far from it.

Chastening buttresses on the matter of training us.

This kind should bring a gladness in our hearts.

It means that we are indeed sons.

The scourgings and forgings are not beautiful at all, but they work out the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

There are things we would never get it right in except God's chastising hands come on us.

We don't pray them away because we must go through them for our making.

Infact, we must heartily embrace them.

Even Jesus suffered for us too.

Why think it as something difficult for us as man to suffer being that Jesus is our patterned man.

No, it ought not to be so.

For how will we be made perfect if we don't go through the fiery fires of trials, tests and temptations.

In fact, we must cry for these dealings.

We must look for every opportunity to drink his cup of suffering.

Phil.3.10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Such suffering brings a death which produces a resurrection and a life.

Life is one greatest commodity in the kingdom.

Any work carried out without the instrumentality of the life of God is equal to no work done.

And so, it's total waste.

Therefore, we must never joke with the Life of God.

For, it is only this life that can make impact, bring a transformation, raise true sons and bring the ministry of the spirit.

And let us hunger and desperately desire this way, wherein a lot of people are scared away from.

For Paul said:

Gal.6.17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Conclusion

Rom.8.28 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.

HiAll things, the good, neutral and bad inclusively.

Here, the love for God becomes the strong determining factor.

We are therefore not unsure of the path we have chosen to thread

We love God and absolutely, that remains the truth

His love has constrained us to even walk with Him and obey His words.

Hence, we are not afraid at all

When the most daring and unpleasant situations come our way, even in them, our convictions rise much more stronger.

For Christ in me is the hope of glory.

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