

**Heart of God Ministries International
Greater Works TEAM Building**

**The Kingdom of God
Suffering and Grief**

In this month's Prophetic Voice Newsletter, we have an opportunity to walk deeper in the knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. Our topic is that of suffering and grief and will shine an awesome Light of the Revelation of Jesus Christ!

We must first build some foundation for our study.

Suffering and grief is not a popular topic for discussion. Yet, the events covered by the broadcasting and news media organizations constantly bombard every moment as we "catch the news" with reports of suffering and grief in graphic pictorials around the globe. Most generally the "news" deals with accounts of thievery, scandals, destructive actions or forces, and reports of pending death, elements of war inflicting death, those killed in accidents, murdered or simply who died "in the news." Keep in mind, most social laws of the world are not God's election of laws. They are the works and designs of men and the works of the antichrist spirit. Physical laws follow the designs of God's plan for the universe. These laws apply to every aspect of everything created.

Isa 45:7 AMP

I form the light and create darkness, I make peace [national well-being] and I create [physical] evil (calamity); I am the Lord, Who does all these things.

Very importantly, we need to understand that God's divine purposes work through all of creation. Suffering and grief are a part of the purposes of life on earth. God shows us His pattern for mankind through His Son.

John 16:32-33 TLB

33 I have told you all this so that you will have peace of heart and mind. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows; but cheer up, for I have overcome the world."

Heb 9:27 KJV

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Let us examine a balanced walk as we study the Kingdom of God.
God's Word is the Good News!

Let's seek the Word of God, the Spirit of Truth and let the precious person, Holy Spirit, guide us to receive the deeper understanding.

God made us a triune being and as such we have a physical body, a soul and a spirit. In fact, we are more spirit being than flesh being.

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Our soul/spirit being is eternal whereas our flesh being will once again return to the components of the elements of the earth from which we were formed. The human body is composed of blood which is approximately 80% water and all the 20% remaining tissues, organs and bones are element minerals and trace minerals that are found in the crust of the earth.

The bible distinctly states that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. Heaven is a spiritual realm. God is Spirit and we must worship Him in Spirit and Truth. God the Father has a spiritual body. Father God demonstrates just how much in control that He is of all things! He sent His Son to earth from Heaven. He sent the Holy Spirit to abide in His people.

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**God the Son is both fully God and fully man. He suffered many things.
Heb 2:17-18 AMP**

17 So it is evident that it was essential that He be made like His brethren in every respect, in order that He might become a merciful (sympathetic) and faithful High Priest in the things related to God, to make atonement and propitiation for the people's sins.

18 For because He Himself [in His humanity] has suffered in being tempted (tested and tried), He is able [immediately] to run to the cry of (assist, relieve) those who are being tempted and tested and tried [and who therefore are being exposed to suffering].

Phil 2:6-8 AMP

6 Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained,

7 But stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being.

8 And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross!

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God the Son is both fully God and fully man.

He was given the name of Jesus as His identity on earth and the name Emmanuel regarding His deity...God with us. Other names are given a symbolic name of creatures God created and had Adam to name. As the Lamb (the Servant), He was slain to redeem mankind back to God. As the Lion of Judah, (the King and High Priest), He rules and reigns over all the universe. God is one in three persons and His reign is Dominion. We are made in the image and likeness of God so once translated into His Kingdom of Heaven, we can expect to walk in the manner in which Jesus walked as a man by the Spirit.

We have been given two spiritual identities:
believers by faith and servers to others by action.
As new spiritual creatures, we are to be molded into the image of Christ.

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The Birth of Jesus in the earth.

Matt 1:20-21 AMP

But as he was thinking this over, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary [as] your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of (from, out of) the Holy Spirit.

21 She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus [the Greek form of the Hebrew Joshua, which means Savior], for He will save His people from their sins [that is, prevent them from failing and missing the true end and scope of life, which is God].

Matt 1:23 AMP

Behold, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel--which, when translated, means, God with us. [Isa 7:14.]

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More Foundation

Now in line with our study title: Suffering and Grief, let us look at these two attributes of man and deity as they were given in Christ's names at His birth.

By the power of the Spirit, we are given witness to Christ about His physical and spiritual body. Jesus shows us His resurrected transfigured body that confirms He is both fully God and fully man.

●At the tomb with Mary Mark 16:9 KJV

16 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

●In search of the risen Lord... Luke 24:24-26

24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

●As He walked talking to two disciples Luke 24:27-32 KJV

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

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30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

●As Jesus greets the disciples and cooks a fish breakfast and fellowships with them John 21:7-14 AMP

7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, It is the Lord! Simon Peter, hearing him say that it was the Lord, put (girded) on his upper garment (his fisherman's coat, his outer tunic)--for he was stripped [for work]--and sprang into the sea.

8 And the other disciples came in the small boat, for they were not far from shore, only some hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish.

9 When they got out on land (the beach), they saw a fire of coals there and fish lying on it [cooking], and bread.

10 Jesus said to them, Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.

11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net to land, full of large fish, 153 of them; and [though] there were so many of them, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus said to them, Come [and] have breakfast. But none of the disciples ventured or dared to ask Him, Who are You? because they [well] knew that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so also [with] the fish.

14 This was now the third time that Jesus revealed Himself (appeared, was manifest) to the disciples after He had risen from the dead.

●As Jesus appears to the disciples Luke 24:33-49 AMP

33 And rising up that very hour, they went back to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven [apostles] gathered together and those who were with them,

34 Who said, The Lord really has risen and has appeared to Simon (Peter)!

35 Then they [themselves] related [in full] what had happened on the road, and how He was known and recognized by them in the breaking of bread.

36 Now while they were talking about this, Jesus Himself took His stand among them and said to them, Peace (freedom from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin) be to you!

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37 But they were so startled and terrified that they thought they saw a spirit.

38 And He said to them, Why are you disturbed and troubled, and why do such doubts and questionings arise in your hearts?

39 See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself! Feel and handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see that I have.

40 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

41 And while [since] they still could not believe it for sheer joy and marveled, He said to them, Have you anything here to eat?

42 They gave Him a piece of broiled fish,

43 And He took [it] and ate [it] before them.

44 Then He said to them, This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything which is written concerning Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.

45 Then He [thoroughly] opened up their minds to understand the Scriptures,

46 And said to them, Thus it is written that the Christ (the Messiah) should suffer and on the third day rise from (among) the dead, Then the Lord directs the disciples attention to Heavenly realms and gives them a DEEPER understanding for suffering...

47 And that repentance [with a view to and as the condition of] forgiveness of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things.

49 And behold, I will send forth upon you what My Father has promised; but remain in the city [Jerusalem] until you are clothed with power from on high.

For the most part, suffering and grief originate through the loss of someone or something we value. Loss is the absence of that which we esteem such as a person, event, or thing within our personal, social, or spiritual life. **Suffering and grief are relational to our belief system, our thoughts and our ideas.** The promise of a greater realm or greater reward comforts the impact of the suffering that one must go through.

Acts 14:22 TLB

22. they (Paul and Barnabas) helped the believers to grow in love for God and each other. They encouraged them to continue in the faith in spite of all the persecution, reminding them that they must enter into the Kingdom of God through many tribulations.

In both the tangible (physical characteristics) and the intangible (emotions, attitudes and beliefs), grief is especially apparent when we experience a desire that is not met. As we are confronted with small

losses of unfilled desire, small amounts of grief become a part of everyday loss. For example, generally, loss of a job causes great suffering and grief whether we recognize it or not. It creates an attack upon our finances which is God's economic foundational provision and blessing.

God blesses the works of our hands. When blessings are cut off, desolation takes their place. Good jobs are not easy to attain. Much time, preparation and expense is usually involved in finding a new job. Normally it requires much test and trial to find new placement.

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Suffering and grief is also directly linked to the loss of our health. While going through the suffering and grief, one often finds that times of traumatic events leads to isolation. It is generally difficult to talk with anyone who is grieving. Let's look at the disciples as they experience the pending loss of their Leader while waiting with him in the Garden of Gethsemane. We see the following acts in the scriptures of the Lord's visit to the Garden of Gethsemane. Extreme of emotions; sorrow, agony, grief, anger, pain all were demonstrated regarding the unknown details of events that lie ahead. The condition of the soul in reaction to announcement of pending death, the process of dying and the aftermath of death are unpredictable within the spirit of man except by the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 22:44-45 AMP

And being in an agony [of mind], He prayed [all the] more earnestly and intently, and sweat became like great clots of blood dropping down upon the ground. And when He got up from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from grief.

Many times, grieving sets in before the known event of a pending loss. Anger is demonstrated in a fashion that shows how one may overreact to a pending loss

Matt 26:51-53 AMP

51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached out his hand and drew his sword and, striking the body servant of the high priest, cut off his ear.

52 Then Jesus said to him, Put your sword back into its place, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. [Gen 9:6.]

53 Do you suppose that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will immediately provide Me with more than Twelve legions [more than 80,000] of angels?

John 18:26 KJV

26 One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?

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Here are several signs regarding denial and isolation

Matt 26:69-75 AMP

69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and one maid came up to him and said, You were also with Jesus the Galilean!

70 But he denied it falsely before them all, saying, I do not know what you mean.

71 And when he had gone out to the porch, another maid saw him, and she said to the bystanders, This fellow was with Jesus the Nazarene!

72 And again he denied it and disowned Him with an oath, saying, I do not know the Man!

73 After a little while, the bystanders came up and said to Peter, You certainly are one of them too, for even your accent betrays you.

74 Then Peter began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, I do not even know the Man! And at that moment a rooster crowed.

75 And Peter remembered Jesus' words, when He had said, Before a single rooster crows, you will deny and disown Me three times. And he went outside and wept bitterly.

There is an anxiety that accompanies a loss. The extent of the anxiousness and actions present themselves in our soul realm of thought and emotions. These produce stress on our whole body. Physical weaknesses of all kinds such as shaking, nervous jitters, clumsiness, blurred vision, histamine reactions, fatigue and loss of concentration result. Internally, one may experience headaches, increase of heart rate, changes of blood pressures, and variable types of breathing rates. These signs also accompany various levels of fear. Fear has torment. (1 John 4:18)

Rather than finding ourselves in isolation, we need support of family and friends. Most people are unprepared for the feelings they experience in the face of loss. Every loss has various levels of impact to our lives and our expectations. Few families talk about their suffering and grief. They are not skilled in expressing their feelings and thoughts in regard to the grieving process. Most find themselves trying to deny the existence of uncontrolled and unwanted emotions. It's usually when a person tries too hard to control themselves and their feelings that problems result. The grief process sometimes needs more time to "play" itself out than family and friends may expect.

When Jesus was Resurrected, He went to His "family" of disciples to help them through the grieving process. Many had gone back to doing the things of their past and were finding great difficulty in doing so. Much energy is many times expended in doing things that are routine. Many times depression becomes the overriding factor in a person's life. Energy levels and motivation cease to be vibrant and enabling. One experiences a listlessness and a defeated attitude playing heavily on every movement and decision.

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In that grief involves physical, social, spiritual and psychological elements, we need the comfort and nurturing care of the Holy Spirit even more in our lives. The reactions of loss many times cause one to move away from all relationships rather than to move into closer relationship. Many times the results are evident in being angry with God and blaming Him. God's ways are not our ways. Here is what God counsels in our times of grief and trials of sorrow.

Romans 5:3 AMP

3 Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!] let us exult and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving endurance.

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In the case of a loss due to death of a loved one... usually every aspect of life is affected. Now let us go to the heart of this matter.

Suffering is a divine attribute assigned to every facet of life. In this world there will be suffering! Many are not equipped to handle the full scope of grief, sorrow and suffering. The reason is that they have not been prepared with the Truth of the Light of Heaven.

Prov 29:18 AMP

Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish;

The Hebrew meaning of the word perish means to cease or stop. In other words there is no place in Heaven for those who do not have a redemptive revelation of God. Without the Revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives, there is no redemption. When our mind is transformed by the Light of Jesus Christ, we learn that death has no sting. We are encouraged to rejoice in all things. Death does not result in a perished state for us. Sorrow then can be turned into joy. Knowledge of the ways of Heaven changes our outlook on situations and circumstances. When the Lord is our Savior, He makes things beautiful for situations. We are given a bigger view of the realities of life.

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Jesus is fully God.

Rev 21:23 AMP

And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to give light to it, for the splendor and radiance (glory) of God illuminate it, and the Lamb is its lamp.

Life in Heaven is neither strange nor unwelcome to those who have died in the Lord. They are at home with Him who has redeemed them by His own death on the cross. Now do not clutch frantically and faithlessly to this fact, but rest in it happily and confidently. When a Christian departs his home on earth, he enters a divine spiritual home in Heaven. Paradise is

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God's divine destination for us. His plan for mankind is that he shall dwell amongst His people eternally. Heaven is the place from which we are originated as we are made new creatures in Christ with a new-born spirit and soul on the earth, even though we were born a biological flesh body, a soul and a spirit.

Jer 1:5a

Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; AMP

Gal 1:15 AMP

But when He, Who had chosen and set me apart [even] before I was born and had called me by His grace (His undeserved favor and blessing),

Isa 44:2a AMP

Thus says the Lord, Who made you and formed you from the womb,

Isa 44:24 AMP

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, and He Who formed you from the womb: I am the Lord, Who made all things, Who alone stretched out the heavens, Who spread out the earth by Myself [who was with Me]?--

Heaven is our destiny! Our Lord is there. All saved (redeemed) persons are there.

Luke 23:43 AMP

And He answered him, Truly I tell you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.

2 Cor 12:4 AMP Paul was taken into the 3rd heaven...

Was caught up into paradise, and he heard utterances beyond the power of man to put into words, which man is not permitted to utter.

Those of us who are destined to Paradise believe in Jesus Christ. He came to preach and demonstrate the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. We should receive much comfort and inspiration from our faith. We will be at Home, have a new name and a new language! We should not be anything else but happy in the thought of heading Home. And certainly we should be joyful in our sorrow when God releases a loved one from this world of woe to take them Home to Himself. The passing of the redeemed from this world is not a departure into an unknown world.

When we walk by the Holy Spirit in this earthly realm, we are given experiences that confirm the reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The miraculous gifts of the Spirit, the tender and energizing touch of God in special times of ministry and worship, and the signs and wonders which follow believers gives us a taste of Heaven's realm. The Spiritual presence of the Holy Ghost is being released in great measure in the earth even as this article is being written!

As of October 19th 2007, we entered into a new year with the Lord, a new beginning of a spiritual and relational move of God!

Word of Knowledge:

God has some awesome things to demonstrate to the world through those who will yield themselves to His purposes and His plans for this century! Heaven is coming to earth in a manner beyond our ability to think or dream! God is shaking the heavens, earth and hell in a new dimension of demonstration that He is the Lord of all things. Much suffering and grief will come to all mankind. Refuge is in building relationship with the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. All things of the "flesh" and carnality will be go through a purging and a purification. God wants a people consecrated to Him, His love and His plans for the church.

We are going to see Jesus Christ in a measure never imagined since the birth of the church! We are going to be like Paul. For Him, his own death was looked upon as a glorious release, not from the Mamertine dungeon where he penned his last epistle, but from his ailing, failing body. He counted all things as joy. *note: When you read Paul's letters to the churches, you will marvel at the Revelation of Jesus Christ that he shares!*

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Spirit ... the 3rd dimension The Kingdom of Heaven on earth is experienced in three dimensions...body, soul and spirit. Life in Heaven is experienced in the 3rd dimension... The dimension of Spirit: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit ...Unity of Light in Life, Truth, and Spirit
When a child of God goes Home with Him, he goes to an abiding place designed and made specifically by Christ. When we say farewell to those who love us here, we go to be with God who loves us with an eternal love!
Rev 7:17 AMP

For the Lamb Who is in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to the springs of the waters of life; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

The springs of the waters of life is the 7-fold Holy Spirit.

Revelation 5:6 AMP

...the seven Spirits of God [the sevenfold Holy Spirit] Who have been sent [on duty far and wide] into all the earth.

There is only one Holy Spirit of God. *Note that the Holy Spirit is...*
omnipresent (present everywhere),
omnipotent (have absolute power and authority),
omniscient (knowing everything)

(Here are the 7-fold Holy Spirit attributes recorded in Isaiah 11:2 AMP)
And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him--

1. the Spirit of wisdom
2. the Spirit of understanding
3. the Spirit of counsel
4. the Spirit of might
5. the Spirit of knowledge
6. the Spirit of reverential fear of the Lord
7. the Spirit of obedient fear of the Lord

Jesus anointed us with the same Holy Spirit that anointed Him at the River Jordan. 1 John 2:20;27

20 But you have been anointed by [you hold a sacred appointment from, you have been given an unction from] the Holy one, and you all know [the Truth] or you know all things.

27 But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him abides [permanently] in you; [so] then you have no need that anyone should instruct you. But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood, so you must abide in (live in, never depart from) Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him], just as [His anointing] has taught you [to do].

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Our Lord spoke of His "going out" from this life as an accomplishment. By His death something was to be accomplished, that is, something to be fulfilled, completed, carried out to the full. We know it was the Divine promise of redemption through the sacrifice of His own Blood. His death was to be His provision as the "way out" of sin and judgment for the rest of the human race. His departure is the means of which He is leading us out of bondage.

All are destined once to die. To die in Christ as one who is redeemed is indeed a delightful departure from this world. Physical and emotional suffering and pain is no longer experienced.

Hebrews 12:2 KJV

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

It is to the throne room of God that we set our sights!

It is at the center of Heaven's City of Lights!

Revelation 21:23-27 AMP

23 And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to give light to it, for the splendor and radiance (glory) of God illuminate it, and the Lamb is its lamp.

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24 The nations shall walk by its light and the rulers and leaders of the earth shall bring into it their glory.

25 And its gates shall never be closed by day, and there shall be no night there. [Isa 60:11.]

26 They shall bring the glory (the splendor and majesty) and the honor of the nations into it.

27 But nothing that defiles or profanes or is unwashed shall ever enter it, nor anyone who commits abominations (unclean, detestable, morally repugnant things) or practices falsehood, but only those whose names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

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On the webpage Ministers on Fire of the City of Lights, you can read about Adam, and Noah and God's commands of Light for their lives. The major realms of judgment are presented in regard to the events surrounding God's commands to mankind. On that webpage, the question is asked as to whether you can see a loving and merciful God in His acts of judgment. Watch how kairos time is demonstrated...

Now comes the awesome witness of how merciful God and the provision's He made for all mankind through the crucifixion of His only begotten Son...

1 Peter 3:19-20 AMP

In which He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20[The souls of those] who long before in the days of Noah had been disobedient, when God's patience waited during the building of the ark in which a few [people], actually eight in number, were saved through water.

God raised Jesus from the dead by the Holy Ghost! Jesus descended into hell and while there preached the Gospel to the captives of all the generations from Adam!

God has a plan for each and every life. It is to board the Ark of Jesus Christ and to serve in caring for others in which He will comfort and protect us as we weather the trials and tribulations of this world. We do so when we keep our sight toward Heaven and the work of the Cross of Christ! When we make peace with God by believing in His free gift of the work of His Son, we receive the promise of God... the Spirit Life, eternally in His Kingdom, in His presence... Today and forever from age to age! When Jesus was resurrected, and walked on the earth for 40 days, it is recorded by John that the graves gave up their dead and so many miraculous events were done that there would not be enough space in the world to contain the records. This statement also gives insight to the figurative speech that is used by John when he is taken to Heaven and Christ is revealed to him in symbolic language.(Not every word of the Bible can be taken literally. Much of it is poetic language. However, it is inerrant!)

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John 21:25 KJV

25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

Upon His resurrection many saints, believers who had died were seen...

Matt 27:52-53 AMP

52 The tombs were opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep in death were raised [to life];

53 And coming out of the tombs after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

After His forty days, upon His ascension, Jesus takes those who were in hell, who received the Gospel, with Him to Heaven. Keep in mind that these are spirit beings in their spirit bodies. They would not be seen with the natural eye. The scriptures represent these spirits of mankind as those in hell's gates from the beginning. In contrast, Jesus is both God and man and could be physically seen as the Bible testifies above.

Ps 68:18 AMP

You have ascended on high. You have led away captive a train of vanquished foes; You have received gifts of men, yes, of the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell there with them. [Eph 4:8.]

Eph 4:10-11 AMP

10 He Who descended is the [very] same as He Who also has ascended high above all the heavens, that He [His presence] might fill all things (the whole universe, from the lowest to the highest).

11 And His gifts were [varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us] some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His flock) and teachers.

Suffering and grief are relational to our belief system... our thoughts and our ideas. Today, Jesus is Emmanuel, God with Us by the Living Word of God and the Holy Spirit abiding within us on earth. God is not Jesus, but Jesus is God...God is One in Three Persons! There are those who proclaim that Jesus is God Only. *see: God the Blessed Trinity*

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Your future is decided by who you choose to believe.

The Scriptures clearly declare the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Can you receive how important it is to capture the truth of the Word of God?

Our perception determines our perspective. We are programmed

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to react in certain manners within our cultures. There are three primary applications of the Word of God to suffer:

1. Tolerate: allow; permit
2. Feel pain
3. Endure; sustain

We can suffer when our doctrine does not witness to the truth of the Holy Bible. Should we compromise and adjust the Word of God to fit our ideas and objectives? No! Eternal damnation can be the results! We must search the scriptures for agreement. A witness is where two or three scriptures agree.

2 Tim 3:16-17 AMP

Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action), So that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Suffering is a major topic in God's view! Disobedience brought death into the world! Let's briefly consider Apostle Peter's spiritual view on our topic of suffering. Peter calls his body a "tabernacle" or a tent. The body at its best is a frail dwelling place for the soul and spirit of man. (read Psalm 39) Like the children of Israel in Egypt, we are pursued by relentless foes, the world, the flesh and sometimes the devil (he is not omnipresent and gets more credit than he deserves). Weakness, sickness, old age, all pursue hard after us. We suffer and grieve as we experience pain in these conditions.

The body in which we live is important, but, not as important as the "man" who lives in the body. We are merely "strangers and pilgrims" here on earth. (1 Peter 2:11) One day, we are going to move out of this tent. Peter tells us that it is only proper that he stir us up by putting us in remembrance of these things. It is easy to become wrapped up in the things of this brief life and in this passing world that we forget our coming exodus. Have you considered your exodus? We do not know its coming. Only God Knows the time and the season. But, He makes a way that is perfect.

Alright, you now have the above **perception** to consider.

It is one of the physical realm. Can you also apply it to understanding the spiritual realm whereby the body is looked upon as the Church, the Ark of Christ; the tabernacle or tent where the ark of God is housed? Emmanuel, "God with Us"...

Now be directed to a **perspective view...**

How calmly and assuredly Peter speaks of his death! Though it was to be shameful and painful, he refers to it as his exodus, his "way out," and he manifests not fear or consternation. Death to this child of God would be a sweet release. And so he planned his own funeral and prepared a comforting word for the blessing of those who would be left behind until their day of exodus. Peter was a good shepherd! He fulfilled Jesus's instructions... Peter cared for Christ's "sheep."

Peter's perspective was that of the future and in serving others!

This assuring word is for both you and me. We can look forward to the end of life without fear. Death for each believer will be the sweet release of being "absent from the body" and "at home with the Lord."

(2 Corinthians 5:8) Death and the grave are not a blind alley, but a thoroughfare into Heaven itself. Men may talk about the Great Unknown, the Leap into the Dark, the Great Beyond, but such is not the language of God's Word. Death for the believer is an exodus. God has given us His pattern through both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

It is the same! The exodus is a way out and a way in, the way out of life's trials, tribulations, suffering and grief...

It is the way into the Promised Land, the presence of the Lord and those loved ones who have gone on before. Heaven is Real!

God is the way maker! His ways are not our ways, His thoughts are higher than our thoughts. His heart is set to reveal His thoughts to us through the Revelation of His Son, Jesus Christ. It takes the mind of the Spirit to access the throne room and the mind of Christ...

John 16:12-15 AMP [Jesus speaking],

I have still many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them or to take them upon you or to grasp them now.

13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].

14 He will honor and glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

15 Everything that the Father has is Mine. That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

Father God has shown through His Son, Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit, evidences of the power to recognize others in their spirit bodies. We will know our loved ones and others in Heaven's realm! Evidence has been given above in the revelation of Jesus on earth and in addition, we can climb the mount of transfiguration with Peter, John and James to receive additional confirmation that we will know even as we are known!

Matt 17:1-3

And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. {You should read this entire account. It will reveal the Father and the Son!}

Let us build our faith as we receive more perspective of Heaven: Heaven is the place from which Jesus came before His Incarnation, for "the Word was with God" (John 1:1) He said, I came down from Heaven (John 6:38, 42) At the Ascension He was "carried up to Heaven" (Luke 24:51), "received up into Heaven" (Mark 16:19). The disciples saw Him taken up into heaven" (Acts 1:11) Before His departure from earth He said, "In my Father's house are many abiding places: if It were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:1, 2) You can see from these Scriptures that Heaven is a place where God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost dwell, and the same place to which all the redeemed go when departing this life. We have the assuring Word from the Lord that He personally is seeing to its readiness when we make our exodus to go be with Him.

Revelations 21:4 AMP

God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more, neither shall there be anguish (sorrow and mourning) nor grief nor pain any more, for the old conditions and the former order of things have passed away.

God's Word is the Good News!

This message is a demonstration of the Word of Exhortation. Exhortation is one of the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit. Exhortation is the spiritual gift to encourage, comfort or warn. Many times the enabling gift of the Word of Wisdom, or the Word of Knowledge will accompany an exhortation. The exhorter has the motivation to guide others in the practical steps to solve their problems.

Page 17 Suffering and Grief

I pray this Letter has both enlighten you in the truth of the Word of God and has given a clear understanding of the plan of God for creating mankind on earth. Recall that war broke out in Heaven. God made angels and men in His character: a free will agent. He has provided a way to re-enter Paradise. His commands are as viable today as they were in the creation of Heaven and the angelic beings. The Bible reveals that God loves his creation of man so much that he has given his angels charge to protect us.

Rev 22:17AMP

The [Holy] Spirit and the bride (the church, the true Christians) say, Come! And let him who is listening say, Come! And let everyone come who is thirsty [who is painfully conscious of his need of those things by which the soul is refreshed, supported, and strengthened]; and whoever [earnestly] desires to do it, let him come, take, appropriate, and drink the water of Life without cost.

Please encourage others to visit the City of Lights and to subscribe to the Prophetic Newsletter. They will be mightily blessed as you are blessed. You will be blessed because they are blessed!
Use the Letters to build deeper relationships with your friends and family. There are multitudes of "talking" points in these letters.

Isaiah 1:17-18 NKJV

**17 Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor;
Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.**

18 "Come now, and let us reason together , "Says the LORD,

God bless you and give you peace... let suffering and grief have its perfecting purposes in your life and may you find joy to replace your mourning as you experience the Revelation of Light: Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 31:13 KJV

for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

**Ambassador of Christ,
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