

ENCOURAGEMENT

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First, He brought me here, it is by his will I am in this strait place: in that fact I will rest.

Next he will keep me here in His love, and give me grace to behave as His child.

Then, He will make the trial a blessing, teaching me the lessons He intends me to learn, and working in me the grace he means to bestow.

Last, in His good time He can bring me out again--how and when He knows.

Let me say I am here.

(1) By God's appointment

(2) In His keeping

(3) Under His training

(4) For His time

Deu 8:5 (KJV) Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

Job 5:17 (KJV) Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:

Job 23:10 (KJV) But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

Psa 1:3 (KJV) And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psa 30:5 (KJV) For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Psa 34:19 (KJV) Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

Psa 66:10 (KJV) For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Psa 94:12 (KJV) Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

Psa 119:67 (KJV) Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Prov 3:11 (KJV) My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

Prov 3:12 (KJV) For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Isa 43:2 (KJV) When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Isa 48:10 (KJV) Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

Mal 3:3 (KJV) And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Mat 13:23 (KJV) But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

John 12:24 (KJV) Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

John 15:2 (KJV) Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

John 15:5 (KJV) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth

forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Rom 6:22 (KJV) But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Rom 8:28 (KJV) 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.

1 Cor 11:32 (KJV) But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

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

2 Cor 12:9 (KJV) 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.

Heb 12:5 (KJV) 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:

Heb 12:11 (KJV) 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.

1 Pet 1:7 (KJV) That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

1 Pet 4:12 (KJV) Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

1 Pet 4:13 (KJV) But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Rev 3:19 (KJV) As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Rev 21:4 (KJV) And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

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