

Persevering through Training!

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Due to the signs of the times, and because of the spiritual condition of the world, there is an urgency to *knowing* what God wants to *show* us. The return of Christ could be soon and sudden and finding billions unprepared. There is no time to *waste* in letting God to do the spiritual *work* that needs to be done in our heart.

We must be willing and ready to receive any spiritual knowledge with every circumstance encountered. Trials met scripturally will always work Romans 8:28 “*For good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*” His purpose is that we *learn* spiritual knowledge under His *training*—knowledge He knows we need to be ready for the Rapture.

God wants to *expand* our faith and *increase* our understanding of Him—that is why we *meet* various types of circumstances—things that require a *response* from us. Each one is allowed by God and is controlled by Him in a way that spiritual knowledge results. God’s love and mercy toward us compels Him to do this training that we need.

It does not matter *what* situation is met or *who* it is from—and whether it hits us hard or easy—when it *is* met, it is just what the *wisdom* and *mercy* of God allowed—to *train* and *change* our attitude.

We began life with a *defiant* attitude—we *must* allow God to train us to have a *compliant* attitude.

We also begin life with knowing *nothing* about *what* God is like; *how* powerful He is; or *what* He wants to do for us. This *lack of knowledge* about God is the basic cause of many problems. If we *knew* God, we would *love* Him—with all our heart, soul, and mind Matthew 22:37. His *concern* and *love* toward *us* would compel our *love* and *devotion* toward Him.

For instance—If we have *known* someone for years, it is natural to have *confidence* in them. Our *faith* in a person is always measured by our *knowledge* of them. Knowing how *competent* someone may be, enables us to have *faith* in them to do an *excellent* job. If we really knew *God*, we would really put our *faith* in Him to do the *job* of bringing about the *change* in us we need.

Bible example: King Jehoshaphat confronted a serious situation, and *he* responded as *we* should respond to a serious battle. The king was *fearful* at first—due to his lack of knowledge of God—but *after* the battle and *after meeting* it in God’s way, *he knew* how powerful God is—he *knew* that Psalms 46:1 “*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*”

The Creator of everything would always be there to protect him—Matthew 1:23 “*‘Immanuel’*—was with him. No matter what difficulty or dilemma we face, God is at our side to protect and deliver us. Psalms 46:2 “*Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.*”

Fear is the *door* that lets Satan *in*. Job 3:25 “*What I feared [Job said] has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me.*” The devil obtained Job’s *consent* by getting him to believe his *lie*! And it is *our* choice to *fear* and be *troubled*; or to *resist* and *enjoy* God’s inner peace. When the king resisted *fear*; he enjoyed divine *peace*.

No matter *what* happens, we are *not* to fear; *not* be upset; and *never* complain. Everything we *meet* is designed by *God* for our spiritual *good*—just as He permitted things to happen in the Bible for the believers’ spiritual good.

We can be *blessed* when going through trials—because centuries *after* the true Gospel came to this earth—God has kept His Truth alive—and He will give it to anyone else willing to *believe*, and ready to *live* by faith in Him.

It is generally known that the Christian church became corrupt in the 3rd century—and its corrupt doctrine has continued to this day. God has *not* changed, however, and His training program *cannot* change—so His Truth can be known to anyone willing to *let* Him *teach* them. Romans 8:29 “*For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.*”

Counterfeit faith was prevalent in the 1st century—it is why Jesus asked Luke 18:8 “*When the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?*”—because He *knew* that there would be *few*—of the 7.98 *billion* people in 2022—who would really trust *God* to obtain what spiritual *knowledge* is needed.

The average professed believer simply does not *know* that their eternal life *depends* on this spiritual knowledge—learning to *trust* *God* in this life. Their doctrine does *not* include that, but it *must* include that if we want to be *prepared for Paradise!* Only *God* can train us *how* to trust Him.

Nothing can touch our life except *that* which is permitted by God—some spiritual knowledge of Him that He knows we need. We should not blame *people* for things said and done to us because difficult *things* reveal spiritual *needs*—whatever *happens* is what was *needed*.

Holding *resentment* in our heart allows *self* to keep *control* of our life. Anger and resentment can remain hidden—if everything went *right* and everyone treated us *well*. Satan and self are *mortal*

enemies who can remain *concealed* until something really disturbs us. The more *upsetting* it is, the more *self* is exposed. God *permits* things to happen so we will *put* them in *His* hands.

Mark 11:25 “*When you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.*”

Mark 11:26 [missing NIV; WEY; NLT] “*But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*”

If we are not forgiven of *our* sins, then every sin we ever committed—even though they *were* forgiven at one time through our faith in the Blood of Christ—those sins are again charged against us because we won’t forgive someone. Resentment *must* be confessed, or we could *die* in our sins and go to the flames!

When we meet *any* difficulty as the Scriptures say to meet it, we will have a new understanding of God and His training system. We should never *complain* but be ready to *learn* from trials—by responding to them as the Bible says to respond—that spiritual knowledge *everyone* needs.

God allowed things to happen to Job to show that Job did not know God. Job’s *attitude* was not what it *should* have been—that attitude caused him to blame God. Job thought such things just happen—there was no reason for them. Job soon realized that there *was* a purpose for them. God was *very* concerned about Job—and if he kept his *faith* in God, he would learn what he needed to *know* of God.

Job had to realize that *he* was the cause of the problems he had, and he soon came to the place where he could say—as the thief on the cross said, Luke 23:41 “*We receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.*”

Satan had hidden a knowledge of God—and when we learn that our worst enemy is the cause, then we will learn spiritual knowledge *of* God—that He is *with* us through anything and everything

encountered. Job said Job 42:5-6, “*I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.*”

Job now knew that God was loving, kind, and merciful. This spiritual knowledge of God was learned through steadfast faith *in* God and patient trust *on* God to bring about justice when difficult things are met.

James 5:10 “*Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. 11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of [intended by] the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.*”

If we persevere through training with our faith in God intact, His love, mercy, and power will do great things for us. Psalm 103:13 “*As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.*” That fear is good because Proverbs 9:10 “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*”

It is God Psalm 103:3 “*Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.*”

The human heart is prone to complain—when Israel was short of supplies, this lack of *food* revealed their lack of *faith*. They longed to return to Egypt—instead of *praying*, they were *complaining*. They said to Moses Exodus 16:3 “*You have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.*”

That anger and attitude shows how little they knew God, because He “*Satisfies your [mouth] with good things.*” God promised: 4 “*Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people*

shall go out and gather a certain quota every day.” Some Israelites were taught by God—like Caleb and Joshua.

Elisha the prophet was spiritually trained by God. When his servant feared being captured by an army, the prophet *told* him 2 Kings 6:16 “*Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.*” That is the response of someone who has persevered through training by God.

The prophet had to pray 17 “*LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*” Really knowing God—really opens our eyes.

God wants to bring *everyone* to that place—where we will *not fear* no matter *what* takes place, but we *will* have peace no matter how Satan fights. Isaiah 26:3 “*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*”

When the apostle Paul was at Miletus, he told the elders of the church that Acts 20:21 “*Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ*” cleanses our heart. Everyone needs that cleansing. He said 23-24 “*The Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.*”

The apostle had *persevered through training*, so he did *not fear*—Acts 20:24 “*I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.*” That is the result of *Persevering through Training!*



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