

ALL THINGS WORK OUT WITH GOD

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Anything that would turn out for evil in the world will always turn out for good for a real Christian who will always place their faith and trust in the 'Living God' and leave it there. However bad the circumstance may seem on the surface; it has nothing but the highest good in it for those who will leave it in God's hands finally and forever. Romans 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."*

That is a very comforting verse. When we stop to think about what that verse really means, it will bring to an end to all fear and worry in our lives, because all things will work out together for good. It is just opposite to the way things turn out in the world. No one will ever worry about something that they know is going to work out for good.

After we are convinced that every circumstance that arises in our life will work out for good, we will not be bothered with our trials. That would include giving up questionable friends for the Truth's sake. We would not worry about circumstances that would arise in the workplace, in the home or in the neighborhood, and even in our own personal lives. We will realize that everything that crosses our path is very necessary for our spiritual growth and development.

Once we are convinced of that, we will place all worry aside and will welcome all our hard trials. We will say to ourselves, "How can I meet this circumstance in order to get all the benefit that God has in it for me?" Then as we go to the Scriptures and find

out what God's plan is on how to meet that certain trial; we will find that it will all work out together for good. It is very necessary for us to get every little bit of good out of every circumstance that arises in our life. 1 Peter 1:7 tells us, *"That the trial of your faith, is much more precious than of gold that perisheth."*

When someone first comes to God and His Truth, they will come for some deliverance from some burden or sickness, and forgiveness of sin. They will think that that is all there is to God's Truth. But the truth of the matter is, the deliverance that they have come for is not their greatest need. In our natural condition, we are ignorant of God and His plans.

Secondly, we tend to believe everything that Satan would place in our minds. Our habits and ways of thinking and doing things are directly opposite to what they should be. If we ever expect to receive God's fulness of blessing, that condition must be changed.

Instead of the power of Satan controlling us, we are to have the very power of God, and the life of Jesus Christ flowing through us. Instead of seeing things from a worldly standpoint, we are to see them from God's standpoint. Instead of doing things as the world does them, we are to obey God's Word in every situation.

We can easily see what a great work needs to be done in anyone when they first come in contact with God's full Truth. In Hebrews 12:5 we have some important advice to follow, *"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."*

He meant that we are not to regard God's teaching and training lightly, but to consider it of the utmost value. Then he goes on to say in verses 6 to 11, *"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."*

"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? 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."

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous:" What he meant was that circumstances would arise that would look as if they could never work out for good. *"Nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."*

Wow! Just think about that; what a goal that is!

I am sure that everyone who has ever heard about this Truth, that God has led us into, has longed to have the very character, peace, and love of God, and not to be the least bit affected, no matter what happens. God never resents the terrible way people treat Him, neither does He get upset or mad at anyone. That is the example that we are to follow, and Jesus told us in John 15:12, *"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."*

You will notice that a lot of our troubles are caused by being bothered and upset about what people say and do to us. That would be entirely eliminated if we would stop and think and believe what Romans 8:28 is telling us, ***"ALL things work together for good to them that love God."***

Everything that touches us, whether great or small, is to be placed into the hands of our loving God and leave it there. If our friends treat us meanly and turn their backs on us and want nothing to do with us, we can't let it torment us. We need to place it into God's hands to take care of. We can pray for them, but we can't try to straighten out the matter ourselves. ***One thing that we can be sure of, there is something good in it for us, or God would not have allowed it to happen.***

We do need to be very sure of one thing, and that is, we cannot afford to resent it in the least, no matter what they may have said or done to us. If we fail and have the slightest hard feelings toward them, we

would hinder God from working and turning that seemingly bad circumstance into one of great happiness, victory, and blessing.

When we accept God's Truth fully and give up all worldly thoughts and plans, we will lose many of our worldly friends, because they have no desire to accept God's Truth as we have. But we can always rely on God to make such things work out together for good; and that anything or anyone we lose, or give up for the Kingdom of God's sake, we will receive one hundred times as much in return, right here and now.

Mark 10:28-30, *"Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."*

God is always true to His promises and will always give us something far greater and better than what we have given up, just by meeting it in His way. There is such a great work that needs to be done in all of us, and the need for being fully prepared for Jesus' coming is so great, that we cannot afford to allow the slightest thing to hinder us from being fully prepared.

No one knows when the time will be for Jesus to return but the signs are all around us, it could be at any time. It could be today. We need to be on high alert, watch and pray, forgive, do not resent. *We cannot afford to hold on to anything that may be the least bit questionable.* To receive Eternal Life would be far greater than a one hundredfold reward.

It is very necessary for us to be brought to the place of perfect love, faith, and a full surrender to God and His Will and Word. God, with His great love and mercy, is working in us to bring us to that place. All we need is a willing heart and mind and let Him take full control. Unless we have that very life of Christ within us, we will not be ready for His coming.

If we start to worry or fret about losing someone or something, maybe an old friend or an acquaintance; it shows that we are more wrapped up in that friend or acquaintance than we are in doing God's Will. When a real child of God loses a friend of whom they thought of a great deal, that circumstance did not happen accidentally, but was permitted by God as a most necessary occurrence.

There is no person or thing that we need on this earth for our happiness. First of all, God has something better for anything we may give up for His Truth's sake, because His entire love, power and resources will take the place of anything we have given up.

If we begin to worry or try to change things of ourselves, it will work together for evil instead of good. If our friends would go back on us because of our stand for the Truth, let them go, pray for them. It will not be long before God will break Satan's power over their lives and make them better friends than they ever were before.

When we discover that God is the One that we want and that He is all we need, we will not worry about anything, because all things will work out together for good. You will notice that, in the lives of many of the Bible characters.

Take the life of Joseph for example. Even though the meanest and most contemptable things were done to him by the members of his own family; God made it work out together for good and did it in a most miraculous way. It is remarkable that the promise in Romans 8:28 worked out in practice in the Old Testament just as much as it will for us in the Gospel Age.

There are **three** conditions to be met in order to have God make all things work out for good. The **first** is, not to spend a moments time worrying about things, no matter what happens. The **second** condition is, not to use the slightest human effort to straighten things out ourselves, but we place it into God's hands for Him to take care of and leave it there. The **third** condition is, we need to count the victory as already won, and not trying to see or feel anything,

leaning entirely on the authority of the bare Word of God alone.

We need to settle it that we are not going to worry about anything that crosses our path, make a final decision that we will not try to handle the situation of ourselves in the slightest human way, and to see ourselves delivered and victorious through the bare Word of God alone, then we will find that all things will work together for good.

If we are put down and someone else is put up instead of us, we are to let it go and count it as a blessing, knowing that it will work out for our best interest and blessing, because we know that God has a greater exaltation for us than we ever had before. God's plan for us is to go down first, and then He will take us up to Divine exaltation.

1 Peter 5:6, *"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:"*

Proverbs 22:4, *"By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life."*

Matthew 23:12, *"And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."*

It is a wonderful opportunity to be in the place where we have to trust God alone and have the priceless privilege of exercising our faith in Him to get our deliverance. By doing that, we have the opportunity of proving the Truth of Romans 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. **All things will work out with God. It is a promise to all who will believe!**"*



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