

## Accusation, Betrayal, Persecution = The Pathway To Becoming A Partaker Of His Glory

### **A. He Who Becomes A Companion In His Sufferings Will Become A Partaker Of His Glory**

1. “In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation (Jesus) perfect through suffering”; Hebrews 2:10
2. “Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us”; Romans 8:17-18
3. “That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead”; Philippians 3:10-11
4. “For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer”; 2 Corinthians 1:5-6
5. “For to you it has been granted for Christ’s sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake”; Philippians 1:29
6. “Although He (Jesus) was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered”; Hebrews 5:8
7. “But to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation...Therefore, let those also who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right”; 1 Peter 4:13, 19

### **B. The Fellowship Of His Sufferings**

1. Suffering can include accusation, betrayal, hardship, persecution, rejection, mental or physical afflictions. We can learn obedience, forgiveness, longsuffering, patience, humility and perseverance through these things, which work to bring us into UNION with Him; John 17:21-23
2. The in-workings and out-workings of the Cross must become a reality (not a theory) in our lives. To effectively fulfill the ministry of reconciliation in identification with broken humanity, we must be broken down in every aspect of our lives; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
3. We learn to recognize and accept our weakness and failure, as a condition for knowing divine, supernatural power. This brings us a revelation of God’s great grace, of which we are the recipients, enabling us to extend mercy and compassion toward others; 2 Cor. 12:9-10
4. The messenger of God may have the ability to assimilate knowledge, to acquire information and to understand deep spiritual truths. But, he needs the wisdom and character of God to shape him into a “vessel of honor”, one that is fit for the Master’s use; 2 Tim. 2:20-21
5. The primary factor is not WHAT we know, but WHO we know. We must come to know Him in the power of His resurrection AND the fellowship of His sufferings. Jesus bore our sorrows so that we might enter into His sorrows (over the world and His people); Philippians 3:10
6. We must learn to rejoice in the WILL of God rather than the SERVICE of God; through this, we will be allowed to suffer many things for the sake of ministry to others; Luke 22:42
7. God’s desire for us is to have an “eternal perspective” of how and why He uses affliction to help shape us and conform us into the image of Christ. We are being “fitted” for the purposes of God in this present age and for the age to come, for our roles and assignments; 1 Cor. 2:9

### C. The Two Hands Of God Bring The Saints To Perfection

1. In the very places where sons of God have been wounded, mistreated or abused, there shall be an “ointment” (anointing) of authority for the healing and restoration of others. It pleased the Father to “bruise” the Son; Isaiah 53:10; Hebrews 12:2
2. God said “I form the light, and create darkness, I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord, do all these things”; Isaiah 45:7
3. There are TWO SIDES of God’s love; He holds the power of life and death, blessing and cursing. “I will sing of MERCY AND JUDGMENT: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing”; Ps. 101:1
4. The Kingdom of Light and the kingdom of darkness are at God’s disposal. He allows both positive and negative influences to touch His children; positive forces AND negative forces are both employed by Him; Job 2:10
5. With the TWO HANDS of God, we see the balance of God’s GOODNESS and His SEVERITY; Romans 11:22. He is the Potter, we are the clay; He utilizes the influences of both hands to form us into His image; Jeremiah 18:6; Isaiah 45:9
6. There is BLESSING AND GLORY on one hand, DISCIPLINE AND JUDGMENT on the other:
  - a. God’s Right Hand - points to His strength, authority, power, blessing, guidance, the use of positive forces; Psalm 110:1
  - b. God’s Left Hand - points to judgments, chastening, tribulation, stripping, trials, the use of negative forces; Hebrews 12:5-11
7. The Wisdom Of God’s Handiwork Fulfills His Purposes:
  - a. Joseph - “And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt”; Genesis 45:7-8
  - b. Moses - “He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel”; Psalm 103:7
  - c. Job - “I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees Thee”; Job 42:5
  - d. Daniel - “I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; For he is the living God and enduring forever, And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, and His dominion will be forever”; Daniel 6:26-27
  - e. Paul - “But when He who had set me apart, even from my mother’s womb, and called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles...”; Galatians 1:15-16

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