

AFTER

HEBREWS 6:11 - 15

- 11 † And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:
 12 † That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
 13 † For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,
 14 † Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.
 15 † And so, After he had patiently ENDURED, he obtained the promise.

WHY DOES GOD LET TROUBLE COME?

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43 † **AND WHY DOES GOD LET TROUBLES COME? *God harnesses trouble, puts bits in its mouth, and makes it obey Him, and those troubles bring us into a closer fellowship with God.***

There had been no rainbow until the flood came. But after Noah was pressed into that condition that he was in, to float forty days and nights in a storm and the little ark pitching up and down in the water, it was after the flood was over that he saw the rainbow for its first time, the covenant of hope, the covenant of promise. After he'd went through the tribulation, then he saw the promise.

That's the way you see the promise, after you've gone through the tribulation. I've liked that poem, or psalm:

*Must I be carried home to Heaven on a flow'ry bed of ease,
 While others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas?*

We ask for comfort and peace; God gives us the best He could give us: trials and tribulations. That's better than comfort and peace. Our comforts is just beyond the river.

PERFECTING - FOR OUR GOOD

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« 28 † It is written in one of the Scriptures in the Bible, that, "***Trials are brought upon us, are more precious to us than gold itself, for it is God giving us these trials.***" After we become His property, our confession, and our baptism, and our promise to walk in life for Him, then every trial that comes upon us is to perfect us for His glory.

It's to bring us to a place where God can make Himself more real to us than He was Before the trial come.

I want to join in this morning with Job to say that I've lived long enough to know that's the truth. I **have seen it in my own life, that every time a great situation rises, that I can't get around it, or under it, or over it, God makes a way, and comes out glorious. I just wonder how His grace ever does it, but He does it.**

And remember, in all these things Satan tries to make us nervous, and upset us, to get us to think, "Oh, why did this happen? Why couldn't I have been like this?"

AFTER ALL GOD BLESSED THEM, & YET THEY WERE MUCH DISCOURAGED BECAUSE OF THE WAY

NUMBERS 21:1 - 5

- » 1 † ¶ And when king Arad {ar-awd'} the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then he fought against Israel, and took some of them prisoners.
 » 2 † And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.
 » 3 † And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hormah.
 » 4 † ¶ And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom:
 and **THE SOUL OF THE PEOPLE WAS MUCH DISCOURAGED BECAUSE OF THE WAY.**
 » 5 † And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

BALAK ASKED BALAAM TO CURSE ISRAEL

NUMBERS 22:1 - 6

- » 1 † ¶ And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan by Jericho.
- » 2 † And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.
- » 3 † And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel.
- » 4 † And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.
- » 5 † He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me:
- » 6 † Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.

BALAAM'S JOURNEY

NUMBERS 22:21 - 35

- » 21 † And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.
- » 22 † ¶ And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.
- » 23 † And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.
- » 24 † But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.
- » 25 † And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.
- » 26 † And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.
- » 27 † And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.
- » 28 † And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?
- » 29 † And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.
- » 30 † And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.
- » 31 † Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.
- » 32 † And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me:
- » 33 † And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.
- » 34 † And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.
- » 35 † And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

AFTER SOME ONE CAME TO CURSE THEM, THEY WERE BLESSED INSTEAD

NUMBERS 23:7 - 12

- » 7 † And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel.
- » 8 † **How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?**
- » 9 † For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.
- » 10 † Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!
- » 11 † And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? **I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether.**
- » 12 † And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

AFTER SOME ONE HAS CURSED YOU, STILL BLESS THEM

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« 72 † Now, see, there's no need of fighting. God takes care of all things. You see? Don't do it. Just love them. Return good for evil, all the time. Is that right? **When anybody speaks good about you, well, be thankful. If anybody speaks bad about you, bless them anyhow.** Sure. That's right. Let... **God takes care of the rest.** He's the One. Isn't that right? He's the One. **So after all, we all got to answer to Him.**

And no matter what it is, if your archenemy... If you got any feeling at all, and the worst enemy you got that you know was going to go to a place like hell, it'd make you feel bad.

I don't know of a person; I don't--can't think of the lowest person in the world today, that it was Stalin up there, ever who it was, I'd hate to know that man was suffering in the torments of hell this morning. I'd hate to know it. I sure would. I pray God have mercy upon his lost soul as he died (See?), that God won't let him suffer like that in eternity. Think of a human in the torment of hell, that the Bible pictures here to the unbeliever. Just think, a human being, why, I... It'd make a stone heart to want a man to go to a place like that. I'd do everything I could to keep him out of it. I sure would. And I feel sorry for him, to the depths of my heart, if he went to a place like that.

Now, you can see a brother doing wrong, and--and try to guide him, but if he won't listen, then the only thing to do is love him, anyhow, and pray for him. Isn't that right?

JOSHUA, BE NOT DISCOURAGED, AS I WAS WITH MOSES SO WILL I BE WITH THEE

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« E-38 † Now, when Joshua was over there walking around after he crossed over Jordan, then begin to eat some of the old corn... I can imagine Joshua that morning, after having this great vision of the Lord saying, "I'll be with you. Just as I was with Moses, so will I be with you." Called him out one night and said, "Now, look, Joshua," give him a vision, said, "Now My servant Moses is dead. Rise and go over this Jordan, thou and all the host of Israel. And the Lord thy God will be with thee. No man shall stand before thee all the days of your life. **As I was with Moses, so will I be with you. Only be good courageous, and do not be DISCOURAGED; just keep moving on, I will be with you.** Every place you set the soles of your feet is a possession for you."

Footprints means possession, brother. **What the Church needs tonight is some more footprints over here on this land. Don't hang around Jordan too long. Let's get out of here and see what we got.** All right.

Every time that he made a **footprint**, every time he **footprinted** on, it was a **possession**. I can see Joshua, after he had the vision; he said, "Now, gather all Israel and stand down by the Jordan. Sanctify yourselves, wash your clothes, and come down to its banks in the morning, I'll show you what the glory of God is." Amen. He had a vision. God told him in His Word, the Word said, "I've give you the land. It's yours. It's your **possession**."

("AFTER ALL WE HAVE TO ANSWER TO HIM")