

Blessed is the man you discipline, O Lord ,the man you teach from your law - Psalm 94:12

God sometimes allows Christians to suffer, in order that they might learn the secret of obedience. As we read in Psalm 119:67 "Before I was afflicted, I went astray; but now I obey your word". It was not until after great sorrow and much affliction that David learned obedience to God.

Many assume that if people suffer, then they must have done something bad to deserve it. As you read in John 9, the case of a man born blind, Jesus gives us the key to understanding the passage: "...This happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life." This statement does not mean that God inflicted blindness upon the man so he could later heal him. God doesn't go cursing people so that he can come later and show mercy, thus getting glory. God takes what has happened and turns it into good.

We often view suffering as a big problem. Who sinned? What did you do wrong? Job's suffering was because he was being tested. Why do we believe that when things go well, we must be in God's will, and when things are bad, we must be out of God's will?

Romans 8:18: I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

If you are today suffering at the hand of God and you have asked a thousand times, "Why?" Be patient and quiet before God, and listen to the still, small voice. Bow under His loving hand and recognize that above the clouds the sun is shining. God has a purpose and design for your life, and what is happening to you is for your good.

Read and meditate on James 1:2-4

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*The Man Born Blind*

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John 9:1-12

**God Is The Initiator**

2Co 4:4      Rom 5:8

**I am a Significant Creation**

2 Cor 5:17      Gal 6:15

**Obedience to The Light = Miraculous**

Ga 4:4      John 13:708

**To See is a Choice**