

“The Glory of a Future Redemption”

Text: Romans 8:18

Scripture reading: II Corinthians 4

I. An unworthy comparison – vs. 18 (II Pet. 1:3)

A) A dogmatic determination (Pr. 3:5-6)

B) A present reality (Jn. 16:33, 15:19; II Tim. 3:12)

1. Persecuted

2. Cursed (I Pet. 1:5-7)

3. Chastened (Heb. 12:10-11)

C) A coming revelation (II Cor. 4:16; I Pet. 4:12-13)

Application:

1) Pursue _____

2) Stop _____

3) Praise _____

“To suffer as a Christian is to suffer for Christ: for the name of Christ, for the truths of Christ, for the ways of Christ, for the worship of Christ.” -John Owen

SERMON QUOTES:

I. An unworthy comparison

Robert Haldane,

“God causes His children to suffer in different ways, and for different reasons, for their good, as for the trial of their faith, the exercise of patience, the mortification of sin, and in order to wean them from this world and prepare them for heaven. Their sufferings are effects of His Fatherly love; and the great object of them, that they may be conformed to Christ.”

A) A dogmatic determination

-Kenneth Wuest, *“The word refers to a process of reasoning which results in the arriving at a conclusion.”*

-John MacArthur, *“...literally to reaching a settled conclusion by careful study and reasoning.”*

-Donald Grey Barnhouse, *“...a shrewd observation and a proper deduction, a thoughtful estimate, a studied conclusion, a careful reckoning.”*

Martin Lloyd-Jones,

“Not only should we not be surprised by suffering, still less should we be shaken by it, or cast down by it. It is just here that this whole matter becomes so urgently important. If we as Christian people are cast down by our suffering, if we are shaken by it, then the effect upon others who are watching us may very well be quite devastating. We make certain claims for the Christian faith, and others test the value of our faith and testimony by watching us and observing us when we are undergoing trial and suffering; so if we fail we shall be doing great harm to the gospel.”

B) A present reality

1. Persecuted

Sinclair Ferguson,

“The calling of the Christian is to live a life that is consistent with his fellowship with Jesus in a world that is out of fellowship with Jesus.”

Conclusion:

1) Pursue dogmatic determinations

2) Stop being surprised and shocked

3) Praise with joyful exultation