

What If All Creation Was Working For Us?

Romans 8: 18-31

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Scripture

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¹⁸ *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

¹⁹ *For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.*

²⁰ *For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;*

²¹ *because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

²² *For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.*

²³ *Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.*

²⁴ *For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?*

²⁵ *But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.*

²⁶ *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

²⁷ *Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

²⁸ *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

²⁹ *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

³⁰ *Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

³¹ *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

Introduction

- Romans is a book of theology, and also of practical application
- God's solution for an earthly dilemma
- Psalm 66: 3-4
- What if the things that are befalling us are not about us it just could be that our tribulations are for God to have an example in the earth for that neighbor, friend, family member.

Point of Application 1

Romans 8: 18

The creature would be required to stand in awe and reverence the Greater Spirit!

- We are the creatures that must stand and reverence the presence of God
 - Psalm 8
- What would happen if all of creation stood in awe of God, instead of standing in discontentment?
 - Romans 9
- Because the clay cannot speak back to the potter – we are going to have to take a step back declare that we are in awe of God.
- We must have a separation between that which is holy and that, which is unholy.
- We have to be more cognizant of God in our goings and comings, always being reverent in thought, word and deed.

Point of Application 2

Romans 8: 19-22

The other parts of creation should therefore be respected, shown a greater appreciation, and sought out, to be understood!

- We must have more respect for creation we cannot disrespect the environment and the other people around us. The bible calls us to bless and not curse.
 - Genesis 4: 10

Point of Application 3

Romans 8: 26-28

With these new revelations – both the creature and the creation would have to exalt the Spirit of the Living God above all other gods!

- We must now exalt the Living God above everything else
- In the remaining days a lot of people will assert themselves as God, but God will show Himself strong.
- The spirit of God is now rising up to rebuke and reprove.

Conclusion

- Numbers 13
- We can stand in awe because the text (Romans 8:28) already shows that all things work for our good.