



CAPITOL COMMISSION

Will This Trial Ever End?: Lesson 9

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“And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me...” 2 Corinthians 12:7

“Nothing will happen today that God does not allow – It is either for His glorification or our edification.” (Joe Adams)

“TRAGEDY WAS TURNED INTO TRIUMPH THROUGH THE LOVE OF GOD SHOWN ON THE CROSS.”²

¹ James MacDonald

² Adapted from Rev. Ted Donnelly

UNDERSTANDING YOUR THORN

- 1) Most trials are **temporary**.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perisheth, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

- 2) Not everyone receives a “**thorn**.” (A thorn is an enduring source of pain allowed by God for our good.)¹

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

- 3) Victory is attained as we **triumph** through **tragedy!**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. Romans 8:35-37

BIBLE STUDIES

CHAPEL SERVICES: THURSDAY @ 12:10-12:35 P.M.
STAFF/LOBBYIST BIBLE STUDY: FRIDAY @ 12:30 P.M., CHAPEL ROOM