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1. This morning we will continue the study of Second Timothy where Paul from his second imprisonment at Mamertime Prison writes to Timothy who is in Ephesus.
2. When time expired last week we were exegeting 2Ti 2:10-11. Before we continue, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.

### Prologue

1. Paul was well aware that many in Asia had turned away from him. This sad desertion of friends was well known.
2. Instead of being dispirited Paul is urging Timothy to be stimulated, refreshed and renewed by God's Grace. His message can perhaps best summarized: My dear Timothy, all things do work out for good:

### ALL THINGS WORK OUT FOR GOOD

All things work out for good we know – Such is God's great design; He orders all our steps below for purposes divine.

This is the faith that keeps me still, no matter what the test, and lets me glory in His Will – for well I know 'tis best.

So now the future holds no fear, God guards the work begun; And mortals are immortal here until their work is done.

Someday the path He chose for me will all be understood, in Heaven's clearer light I'll see until their work is done.

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3. Like Elijah, who passed his work to Elisha, Paul is encouraging the continuance of Timothy's ministry to the Churches in Asia.
4. We are now ready to continue the analysis of 2Ti 2:10-11.

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2Ti2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

2Ti 2:11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

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**2Ti 2:10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.**

1. Last week we studied the first six reasons believers suffer. We will begin new material with the seventh reason on page three.

1.1 to glorify God in the Angelic Conflict - Book of Job,

1.2 to learn self-discipline,

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

1.3 to demonstrate the sufficiency of God and to control certain types of personalities,

2Co 12:7 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, lest I should be exalted above measure.

1.4 to help us empathize with others who are suffering,

2Co 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,

2Co 1:4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

1.5 to learn the value of doctrine,

Psa 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word.

Psa 119:68 You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees.

Psa 119:69 Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies, I keep your precepts with all my heart.

Psa 119:70 Their hearts are callous and unfeeling, but I delight in your law.

Psa 119:71 It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

Psa 119:72 The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

1.6 to illustrate the pain God feels when His people reject Him.

Hos 1:2 When the LORD began to speak through Hosea, the LORD said to him, "Go, take to yourself an adulterous wife and children of unfaithfulness, because the land is guilty of the vilest adultery in departing from the LORD."

Hos 1:3 So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son ...

Hos 3:1 The LORD said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes."

Hos 3:2 So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley (*an especially menial amount, perhaps "two-bits"*).

Hos 3:3 Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will live with you."

Hos 3:4 For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or idol.

Hos 3:5 Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

1.7 to develop patience and reward in eternity,

1Pe 1:7 These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1Pe 1:8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,

Rom 5:3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

1.8 to eliminate pride and to relate all things instead to God's grace,

2Co 11:24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.

2Co 11:25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea,

2Co 11:26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers.

2Co 11:27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

2Co 11:28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

2Co 11:29 Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

2Co 11:30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

1.9 to eliminate a believer's arrogance and bad decisions, and

Mat 7:1 Judge not lest you be judged.

Mat 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, you shall be judged: and with what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you again.

1.10. to witness for the Lord.

2Co 4:8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;

2Co 4:9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

2Co 4:10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

2Co 4:11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body.

**2Ti 2:11 Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him;**

1. The bodily transfer of the Lord from the earthly to the heavenly sphere of existence presages the believer's resurrection.



Examples:

Col 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Rom 8:34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Heb 8:1 The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,

2.2 In fact, there is hardly a New Testament writer who does not give testimony, direct or indirect, to the truth of Christ's resurrection and ascension.

3. According to Luke, the event took place approximately 40 days after the resurrection.

Acts 1:3 After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

4. Luke also tells us it took place near Bethany on the Mount of Olives disappearing into a cloud.

Luk 24:50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

Luk 24:51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

Acts 1:12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city.

Acts 1:9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

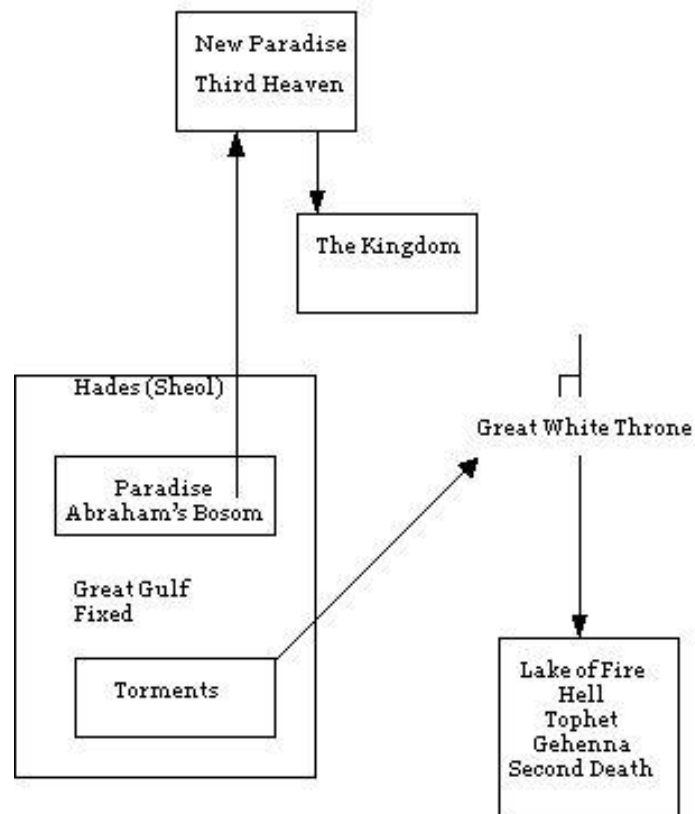
4.1 Whether the cloud was that of the Shekinah glory or a natural cloud of vapor, the record does not make clear.

5. The Ascension was anticipated in the Old Testament.

Psa 68:18 When you ascended on high, you led captives in your train; you received gifts for men, even for the rebellious--that you, O LORD God, might dwell there.

Eph 4:8 This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."

The Compartments of Hades



Psa 110:1 The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

6. The Ascension was prophesied by our Lord in Joh 6:62.

Joh 6:58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever..."

Joh 6:61 Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you?"

Joh 6:62 What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!

Joh 20:17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

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