

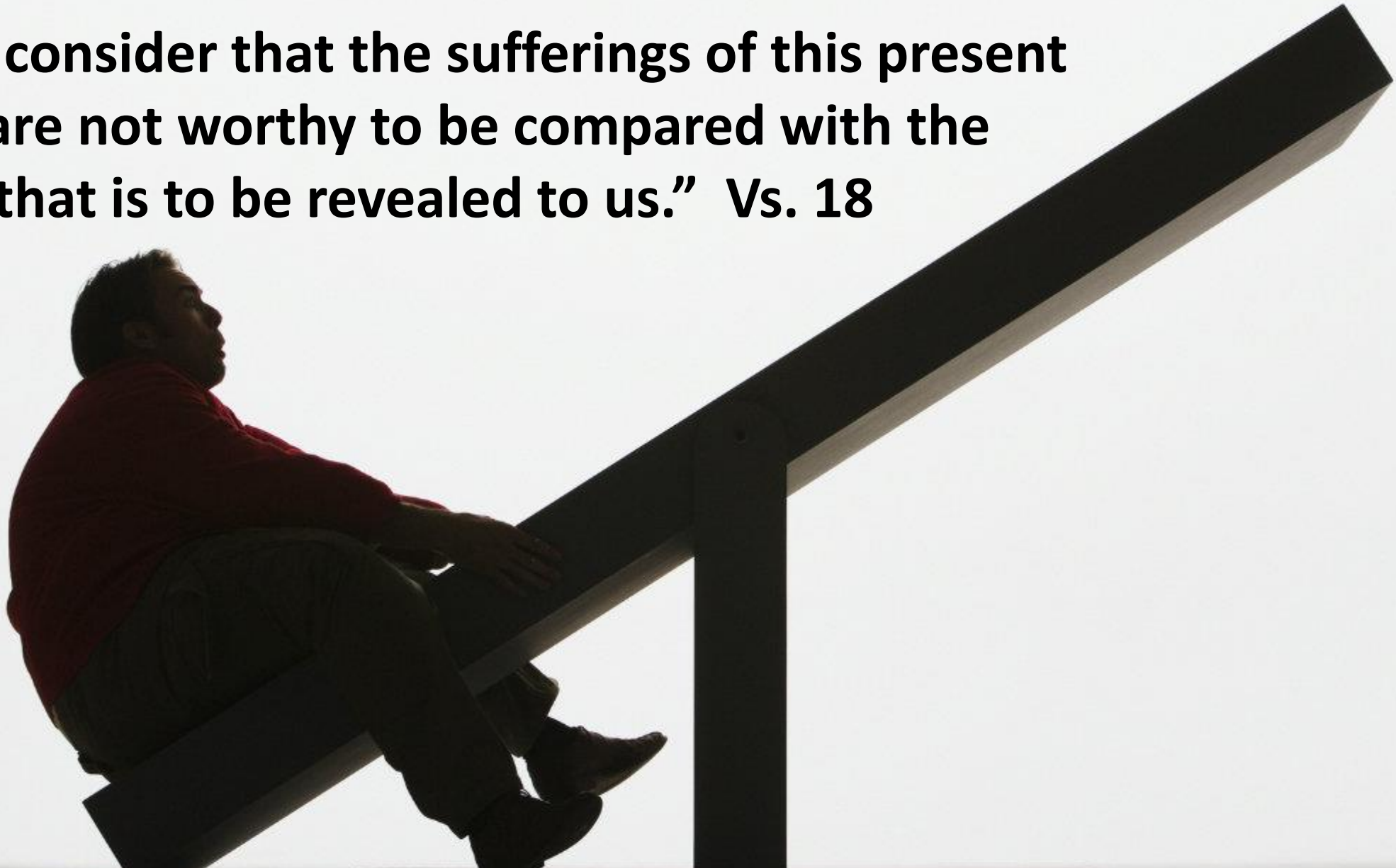
HAVING A BAD DAY?

If you're going through difficult times:



1. KEEP IT ALL IN PERSPECTIVE. Vs. 18

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” Vs. 18



“For to you it has been granted for Christ’s sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.” Phil. 1:29

“So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.” Acts 5:41

Your suffering is:

Sharing in the life of Christ. Phil. 3:10

An opportunity to reveal your faith. 1 Peter 1:6-7

An opportunity to grow your character. James 1:3-4

An experience of intimacy with the Lord. 1 Pet. 4:14

Noticed by the Lord and He will reward all who remain faithful. James 1:12; Rev. 2:10

"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials." James 1:2



**2. REMEMEBER, IT'S NORMAL TO WANT TO AVOID
SUFFERING. Vs. 19-21**

**“For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly
for the revealing of the sons of God.” Vs. 19**

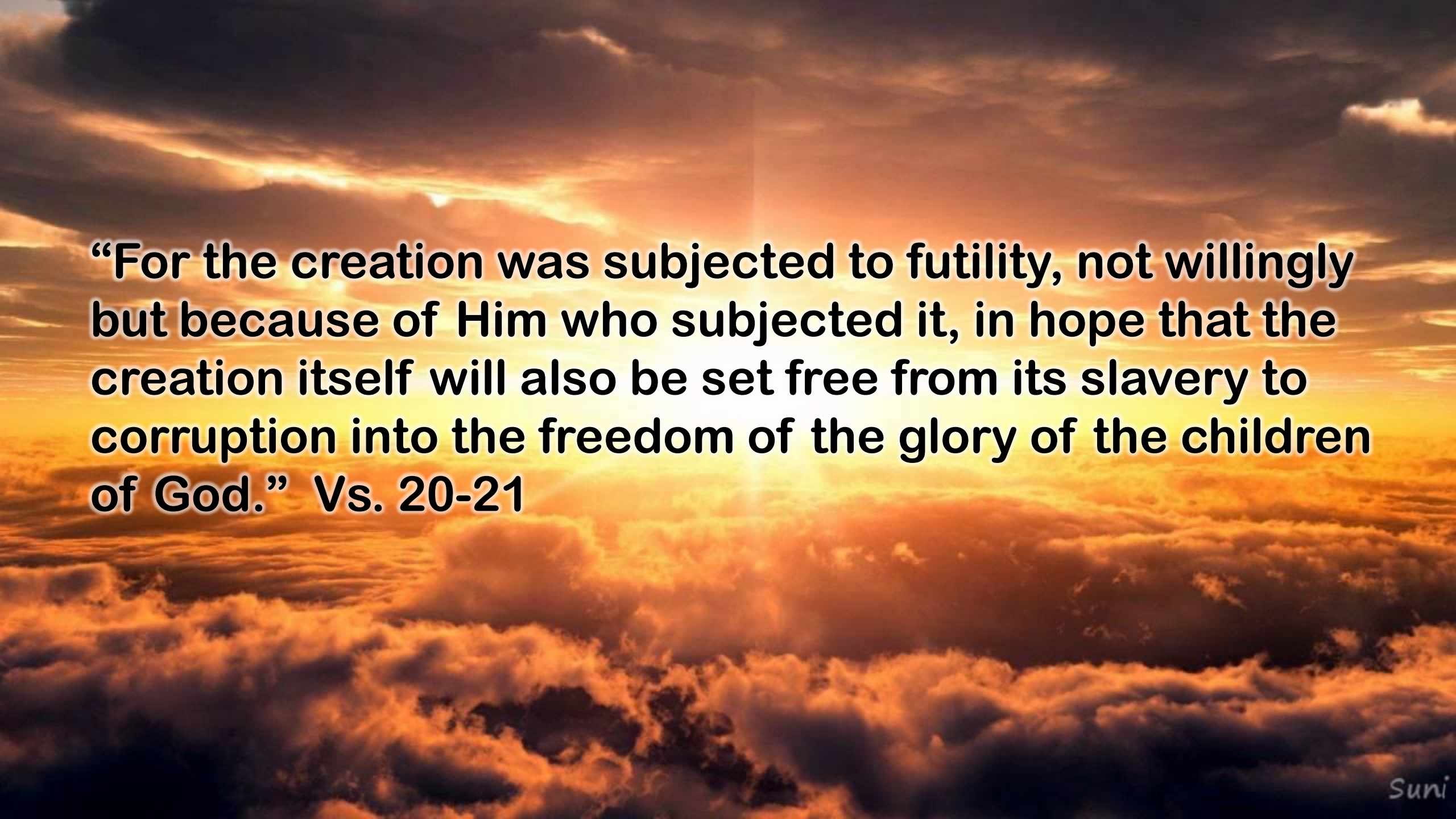
“And He will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples; and they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.” Isa. 2:4

“No lion will be there, nor will any vicious beast go up on it; these will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the Lord will return, and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.” Isa. 35:9-10

“And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. Also the cow and the bear will graze; their young will lie down together; and the lion will eat straw like the ox. And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den.” Isa. 11:6-9

“And it will come about that fishermen will stand beside it; from Engedi to Eneglaim there will be a place for the spreading of nets. Their fish will be according to their kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea, very many.” Ezek. 47:10

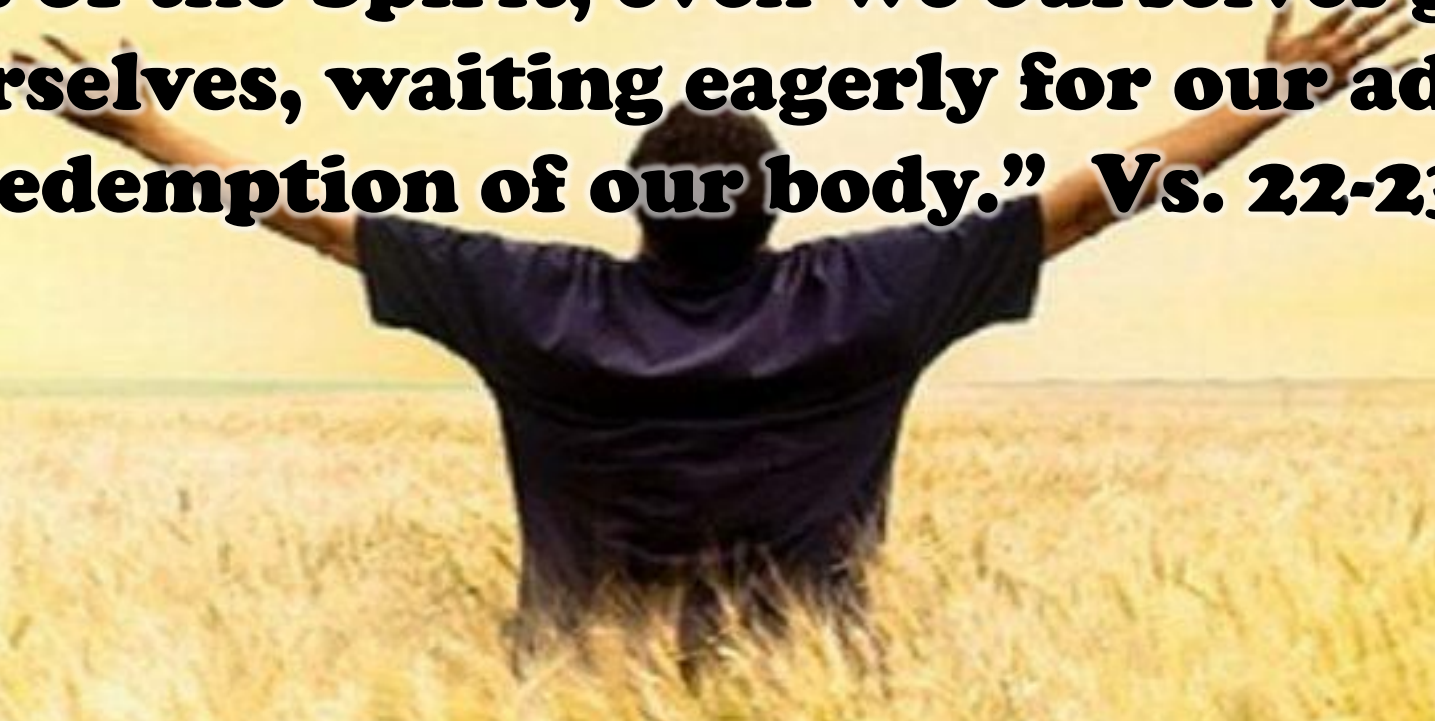
“And the desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passed by. And they will say, ‘This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate, and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.” Ezek. 36:34-35



“For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will also be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.” Vs. 20-21

3. TAKE PLEASURE IN THE PRESENT. Vs. 22-23

“For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.” Vs. 22-23

A person is seen from behind, standing in a vast field of golden wheat. Their arms are raised high in the air, palms facing forward, in a gesture of praise or joy. The person is wearing a dark blue t-shirt. The background shows a clear horizon line under a bright, hazy sky.

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up...But according to His promise we are looking for a new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.” 2 Peter 3:10,13



4. BY FAITH, KNOW THAT HE IS ON YOUR SIDE.

Vs. 24-27

“For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.” Vs. 24-25

“In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.” Vs. 26-27

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