

"Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name; Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."
Jeremiah 33:2-3 KJV



Do you have a tribulation without end? Have you struggled endlessly for a way out? The Apostle Paul wrote, *"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. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers (different/various) temptations (trials); Knowing this, that the trying (testing) of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."* Notice the singular fact that Paul recognized his trouble as a gift. Troubles are either gift or consequence. If you are a child of God and troubles are a consequence of sin, you will know it deep in your soul. God gives His children testing beyond their capacity, so they will come to Him for help; so He may show Himself mighty on their behalf; so He may display His power and Sovereignty in all things men deem impossible. For the same reasons, Christ endured the greatest of all tribulations as He hung between heaven and earth; between God and man bearing the guilt and shame of humanity's sin for the entire span of mortal time! He died, not only that we might *"have life more abundantly,"* but to show His exceeding and eternal weight of power and glory. God will continue to manifest His omnipotent Sovereignty forever, *"that in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus!"* Trials are an invitation to the *"Throne of Grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."* Our biggest fault is we leave the Throne room and then God has to give us reasons to come back. Paul complained, *"For this thing I besought the Lord thrice that it might depart from me. And He (God) said unto me, 'My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.'" God didn't change Paul's circumstances, He changed Paul! We know this from what he wrote next. "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."* Paul was at peace with, nay, rather rejoiced in his tribulations, because they glorified God's omnipotence! Would you rather have an obstacle removed or be given the power to overcome it? It's the difference between a gnats and hornets. In times of trial escape to the *"Throne of Grace"* and stay awhile. Nothing is impossible for God! *"I can do ALL things through Christ."*

If I, the answers, do not know,
To Throne of Grace I need but go,
Sin is forgiven, troubles rest,
When on God's Grace my soul doth rest! -CGP

No silver lining? No horizon in sight? No light in the darkness? No hope in your heart? No rhyme, reason, or answers? *"Believe on the LORD Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."* "Jesus Saves" is present tense and applies to all, including believers! We are only saved if we truly believe.

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:10, 13 KJV