"His Mouth is most sweet: <u>Yea, He Is Altogether</u> <u>Lovely</u>. This is my Beloved, and this is my Friend, O daughters of Jerusalem." Song of Solomon 5:16 KJV

If one single punctuation mark of God's Word is untrue, then none of it is true. Every "Jot and Tittle" is perfect! We cling to the Promises of Eternal Life, but doubt God's Promises of Provision. Why believe God is Powerful enough to Create the universe in six days but doubt His Ability to Protect and Preserve? Why believe He can Transform my body, but doubt His Ability to Provide my needs? Believers are not content, because of covetousness. Believers have "an Inheritance Incorruptible, and Undefiled, and that fadeth not away, Reserved in Heaven." Discontent drove the prodigal to the hog pen and that



is exactly where you will end up if you are not content. "Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; and ALL these things shall be added unto you. No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Children may desire ice cream for every meal, but parents withhold it, because the child's health and well being require not all their desires be met. It remains a mystery to children why mom and dad are so cruel! So it is with our Heavenly Father. "Now I know in part. For whom He Did Foreknow, He also Did Predestinate to be Conformed to the Image of His Son" His Desire is to make you Perfect like Jesus Christ, but, "Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered." If God Endured affliction to Purchase your Eternal Freedom, do you think to escape trial? Jesus owned nothing earthly. Even His tomb was borrowed. You may say, "Well He only needed it three days." And you'd be right, but apply the same logic to yourself. If I am only a pilgrim, this world is not my home, and it all will perish in a fervent heat, why would I desire anything of it? We are here for a purpose, just like Christ. The Destination is the priority, not the ease of journey. We are on the long road Home and as weary travelers who endure lack to get home, believers should not be concerned with comfort. Our task is twofold. "Be ye Holy for I am Holy, [and] Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Holiness is the purity of cheerful obedience of God's Word.

God's Word endures through space and time, It will forever be Divine, It will surpass the sands of time, And all His promises are mine! -CGP

Paul awaited his execution saying, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall Give me at that Day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His Appearing." Did you catch that? "His departure"—not his death. He was actually relieved and anticipating the end of his journey. Home was just a breath away! He could finally put down his Sword and Trowel and go up to the House for Supper! We know he long anticipated this day for he wrote, "I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you." He endured hardship for the sake of his Lord and his assigned task. He never doubted the "altogether" Veracity of his Lord! God's Omnipotence Preserves His Word! Either you trust God for everything or you trust Him for nothing!

"Wherein God, Willing more abundantly to Show unto the Heirs of Promise the Immutability of His Counsel, Confirmed it by an Oath: That by two Immutable things (Himself and His Word), in which it was IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie, we might have a Strong Consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the Hope Set before us." Hebrews 6:17-18 KJV