

*"For our light affliction, which is **BUT FOR A MOMENT**, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Corinthians 4:17 KJV*



What is 1000 years in the ocean of eternity? Satan gets men so wrapped up in alleviating a myriad of momentary discomforts in the mud puddle of time, they think themselves lost in a sea of sorrows and many choose death in the foolish notion this is all there is! *"And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid."* Like Peter, believers often began their journey with a great step of faith, but as they near their destination, focus shifts to the towering waves, and their primary objective is lost. They forget they are already walking on the water by the power of the Almighty, and become victims of the boisterous sea of circumstance. As bad as it gets, though, it is a "light affliction" compared to the "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" which awaits us. The apostle Paul surmised *"that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us."* Never lose sight of the fact that a few earthly steps in the mud puddle of time will bring us to the threshold of eternal glory. Life may seem an eternal sorrow, but, in reality, all of time is only a moment of eternity! Daily circumstances which beset us are small price to pay for the joyous prize, which we have been assured we will receive from the hand of His Majesty on high. *"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, 'Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.'" There is only momentary pleasure and a lifetime of sorrow in sin. "Jesus Saves" is present tense. "He shall SAVE HIS PEOPLE from their sins." Are you one of HIS PEOPLE? If you are, you will know by your willingness to learn and obey God's Word. Jesus said, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. And why call ye me, 'Lord, Lord,' and DO NOT the things which I say?" We sin every day and "if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the Truth is not in us. [But] if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us." Should we find ourselves sinking in the sea of circumstance we need only cry in faith, "Lord save me!" and we shall immediately be rescued by the God who never sleeps or slumbers! Eternity's Sovereign, who breathed creation into existence from black nothingness, can surely be trusted to rescue and keep the dear ones for whom He gave his life!*

We walk below in dreary toil,
In bodies fashioned from the soil,
'Tis but a momentary pain,
That brings the faithful wondrous gain. ~CGP

We must all battle the boisterous sea of circumstance. Many travel time in self-made rafts, while others avail themselves of the Master's Command "Come." Once you've stepped out of YOUR raft onto the sea through trusting faith, stay focused on the Master of the sea lest you sink! But if you find yourself encompassed about with circumstance, call on the Lord and, although your earthly life may end, you'll walk eternity with God!

"For WHOSOEVER shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13 KJV