Appreciating Affliction(How suffering humbles us)!



Psalm 119:65-72 (NASB)

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How many of us want to be humble?

How many of us want to go through affliction to be humble?

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is lis megaphone to rouse a deaf world." -C.S. Lewis



Some Themes in the book of 2 Corinthians

- Comfort in the midst of affliction.
- Strength in the midst of weakness (as shown by Apostle Paul's Life).
- Holy Spirit:
 - "When Jesus ascended and the Holy Spirit descended, life and ministry are flipped upside down such that God's strength interlocks not with human strength and sufficiency but with human weakness and pain."

Some cool facts about Psalm 119

- *Psalm focuses on God's Word!
- Author: King David
- *Longest Chapter in Bible: 176 verses. It is easy to outline because each section is 8 verses long. 176 / 8 = 22 Sections.
- *There are 22 Letters in the Hebrew
 Alphabet. 22 Themes related to God's Word.
- *Verse 65 (9th Letter of the Hebrew Alphabet: TETH.
- *Generally accepted to be associated with the Hebrew Word ("tov" - Good.



- T EACH me good judgement,
- E SPECIALLY when
- T IMES are
- H ARD

Psalm 119: 65-72

Outline of Psalm 119:65-72

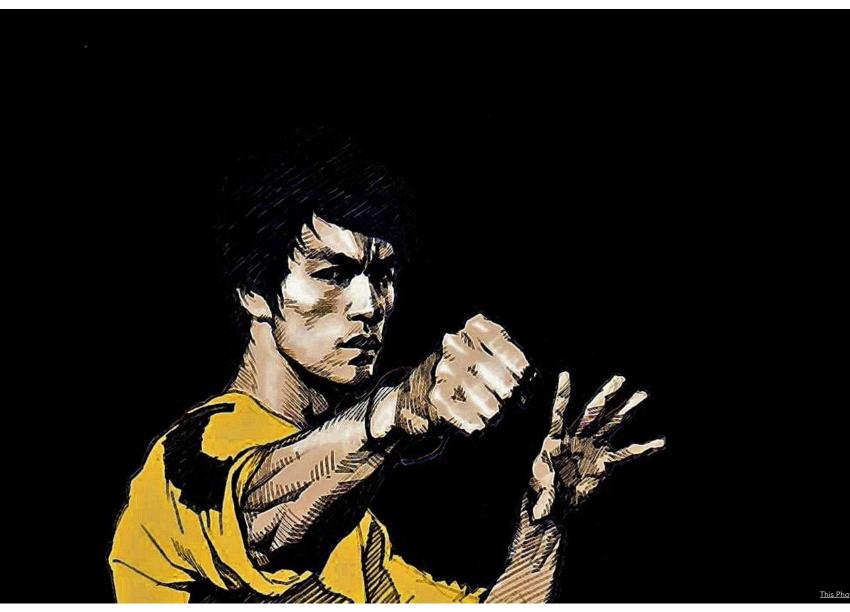
God does what is Good. (VV. 65-68)

God overrules evil and from it brings Good. (vv.69-71)

God uses His Word to show us Good. (Verse 72)

Psalm 119:65-68: God does what is Good

(65) LORD you have treated your servant well, just as You <u>promised</u>. (66) Teach me good judgment and discernment, for I <u>rely on</u> Your commands.
(67) Before I was afflicted I went astray but now I keep Your word. (68) <u>You are good</u>, and You do what is good; <u>teach me</u> Your statues.



Psalm 119:69-71: God overrules evil and from it brings Good.

(69) The arrogant have smeared me with lies, but I obey Your precepts with all my heart.
(70) Their hearts are hard and insensitive, but I delight in Your instruction. (71) It was good for me to be afflicted so that I could learn
Your statutes.

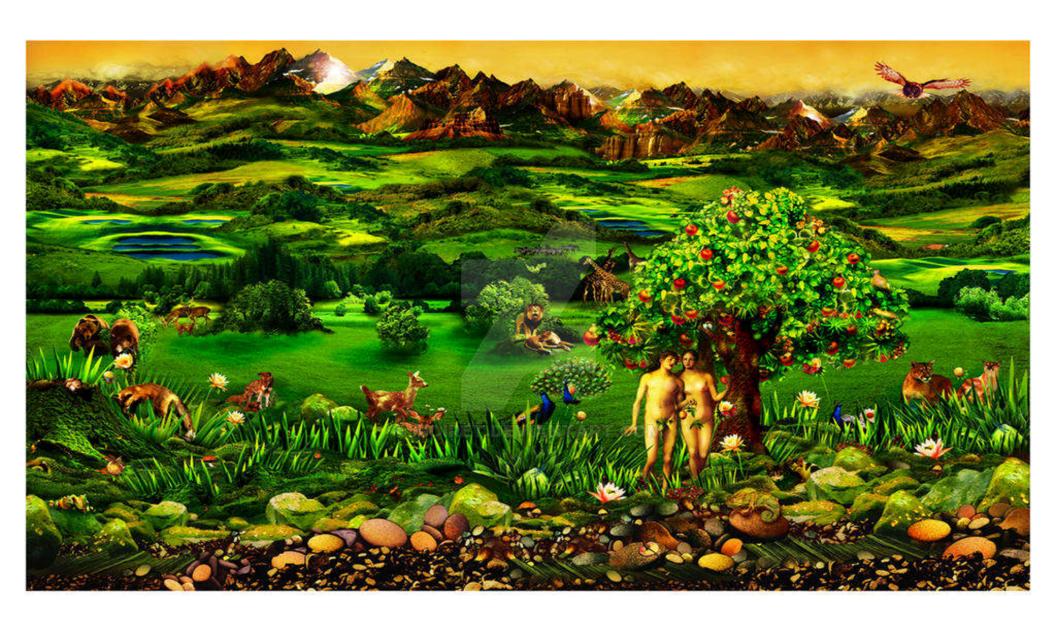
Affliction is a Spiritual tool that God uses to get our lives aligned with His Word. ... God has a way of letting you go into affliction one way but bring you out another way—to show the world that He is God all by Himself.

-Pastor Derrick White Sr.



Psalm 119:72: God uses His Word to show us Good.

(72) Instruction from Your lips is better for me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.



DO YOU
KNOW WHO
ELSE WAS
AFFLICTED?

