

Must We Endure ‘Tribulation and suffering’? Issue date: 03 Aug 2007

It is interesting to see the diversity of opinions that proliferate among different Christians. Even more so, if one considers that they are all supposed to get their information from the same source!

Some Christians have a totally misunderstood The Bible message and the whole reason why True Christians must suffer in this present world (presently under the short-term rulership of Satan).

Many self-claimed Christians believe that becoming a Christian will make you materially rich (because God is with you and misquote The Old Testament to try and support this very worldly idea – for ‘doctrinal’ reasons to be ‘pleasing to the ear’ of those ‘feeding the preacher’ in a mutually symbiotic relationship) – this very worldly understanding for the reason I give, I utterly refute as being what Yahweh actually desires!

I understand that a True Christian must always be in conflict with this present worldly operation under Satan’s control. Logically a True Christians must behave like Jesus (definition of a Christian) and because the archenemy of Jesus is Satan, then clearly, Satan will try to break you in the eyes of The World that might be through some human weakness that we all have. It is through us allowing that particular weakness within us grow so as to cause us to suffer when we consciously realise that reform is necessary.

I always remember The Bible quote when God spoke to Cain (knowing Cain’s jealousy towards his brother):- Gen 4v7

If you do well, then you will be accepted, and if you do not do well, sin crouches at the door.

(This is to say that in the end it is up to you personally, to make the choice to open the door to sin!)

If we look at God’s word then we can see that a True Christian’s life is full of ‘Tribulation and Suffering’ so that we may then grow ‘rich’ in our attitude to others and hence rich in the heavens, either because of external direct pressures or internal battles to overcome our former habits driven to self-indulge within what This World gives (being the very necessary personality change that we must all make). The Bible calls this “adjustment”, “new clothes”, “new self”, etc.

Paul tells us in The Bible, that ‘When we do not know The Law, then we are not consciously sinning, but becoming a Christian, we then learn The Law and now we must stop sinning as best we can – else we become iniquitous by enjoying what we know to be wrong!’

To assist us in refraining from sinning then we should set our goals on fulfilling Yahweh’s Desire of us.

If we fulfil Yahweh’s Desire of us during the 1st part of our lives then we know that we are in good Company!

John.16v33

In the world you shall have tribulation, **but be of good cheer**; I (*Jesus*) have **overcome** the world (*Being Satan’s custodianship of power over The World – being The Curse of Death through/from/by sinning Satan has over those in a fleshly body*) .

Rev.3v21

To him that overcomes (*By imitating Jesus’ lifestyle driven by the sincere to imitate Jesus, then*) **I will grant to sit with me in my throne** (*by being in the position to offer himself, Jesus, as a covering over our sins before Yahweh*), even as I overcame and sit down with my Father in His throne (*thus those who imitate him during their 1st life then Yahweh will choose them to sit alongside Jesus as a king/priest of The Millennium*).

2Tim.2v21

If we suffer, we shall **reign with him** (*as kings and priests reigning over the resurrected fleshly humans of The Millennium*).

John.12v25

He that loves his live (*made up of the 1st part now, and ultimately the 2nd part in the future Millennium of our life*) shall loose it (*the entirety of the two parts of life*); and he that hates his life in this world (*meaning hating the self-centred, self-indulgences in the 1st part of this life – being our existence now*) **shall keep it unto life eternal** (*when resurrected as a “Son of God” within a spiritual body over which The 2nd Death has no power*).

John.15v18

If the world hates you (*because your righteous lifestyle shows the hypocrisy of their lifestyle*), you know that it hated me (*The Pharisees representing The Religious Leaders detested their hypocrisy exposed and desired to annihilate Jesus for his teaching both in words and works*) before it hated you (= the True Christians imitating Jesus’ lifestyle and personality).

1Pet.4v16

Yet if any suffer as a Christian (*as a True Christian imitating Jesus’ lifestyle*) let him not be ashamed (= hurt or suppressed) **but let him glorify God** (*by their actions imitating Jesus and thus demonstrating Yahweh’s righteousness displayed in their works*) **on his behalf** (*being the works demonstrated to others within the world*).

1Pet.2v20

But if you do well (working hard imitating Jesus' lifestyle accepted as such by Yahweh) and suffer for it (being persistent at imitating Jesus' lifestyle while those in control, religious leaders, are trying their best to stop you from imitating Jesus' lifestyle), **you** take it patiently (= to meekly accept it so that you do not break any laws of the land), **this is acceptable with God** (Yahweh sees that you are imitating Jesus' lifestyle and thus not labelled by The World as a criminal because the only law you are breaking in their eyes is demonstrating their hypocrisy – nothing else can be labelled against you for you are a **model** citizen – avoid worldly politics like the plague – for those imitating Jesus are “not of This World” – to quote The Bible).

Heb.11v25

Choosing rather to suffer affliction (being what is used by the religious leaders and cohorts stopping your preaching work with slanderous statements and such-like) **with the people of God** (with other True Christians imitating Jesus' lifestyle) than to enjoy the pleasures of sin (worldly self-indulgencies to the hurt of 'the neighbour') for a season (during the 1st part of our lives = prior to our resurrection).

2Thes.1v5

Worthy (having demonstrated by works during the 1st part of their life of having sincerely imitated Jesus) **of the kingdom of God** (= entering into The Family/domain of Yahweh's Family to teach righteousness to the resurrected world of fleshly humans); for which you also suffer (the afflictions of the worldly religious leaders stopping you from carrying out the Lord's affairs).

1Thes.3v4

We told you before that we (= True Christians = Apostles, being those appointed/accepted by Yahweh 'to tell') should suffer tribulation (being the affliction directed by those whose hypocritical lifestyle is exposed by your teaching).

Phil.1v19

Not only to believe (= to have faith/fidelity/assurance to imitate Jesus and thus demonstrate conviction to others) on him but also to suffer (as Jesus did from the religious leaders of the world having their hypocrisy exposed) for his sake (by the True Christian truly representing Jesus' name, character and authority).

2Cor.1v6

Is effectual (= accurately teaching the world about what it really means to be a True Christian to fulfil “The Expectation”) in the enduring of the same sufferings (all True Christians will suffer this onslaught from The World) which we (as the apostles) also suffer (from the worldly leaders embarrassed by their now exposed hypocritical lifestyle).

2Cor.1v8

For we would brethren, not have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia (from The Jewish Leaders being the religious leaders at the time claiming to represent Yahweh's interests), that we were pressed beyond the measure of our strength (considering that they might be overwhelmed by the worldly religious leaders' onslaught), so much that we (as True Christians) despaired even of our life (that they might be murdered – like their master – Christ Jesus [see John16v1-4]).

2Tim.1v8

Do not be ashamed (= do not hold back from proclaiming The Good News of The Millennium and what it entails) then of testifying (demonstrating your commitment being your personality change) to our Lord, nor of me (a True Christian) his prisoner (voluntarily confined to operate within Yahweh's Desire of us), but take your share of suffering (= become like us apostles, become True Christians) for the Gospel (= The Good News of The Millennium being The Lord's Acceptable year) in the power of God (Using Yahweh's Holy Spirit to assist them in accurately spreading God's Word),

James.1v12

Blessed (well pleased by Yahweh) is the man who endures trial (does not sink back into the world of self indulgence but continues to accurately promote Yahweh's Word to The World), for when he has stood the test (of not becoming corrupted by following the desires of The World) he will receive the crown (to become part of the 144000 kings/priests of The Millennium = Son of God) of life (if given life then it is guaranteed life = no possibility of death, thus resurrected into a heavenly/celestial/spiritual body over which The 2nd Death has no power) which God has promised (by mutual covenant of Baptism) to those who love him (= those who zealously fulfil His Desire of them during the 1st part of their lives).

1Pet.4v13

But rejoice (knowing that you are fulfilling Yahweh's Desire) in so far as you share Christ's sufferings (by imitating his lifestyle – just as the apostle Paul did likewise), that you may also rejoice and be glad (in your marriage to your husband = Jesus) when his glory (as The rightful king of The World) is revealed (upon our resurrection into The Millennium).

1John.3v13

Do not wonder (thus a foregone conclusion that this will occur), brethren that The **World hates you** (being the embarrassment that your righteous actions operating which then demonstrate their hypocrisy – it can only be those who claim to represent Yahweh because the rest of The World does not care!).

1Cor.10v13

God is faithful (He shall remain steadfast to His promise that He desires you to work for His Purpose), **who will not suffer you to be tempted above what you are able** (thus ‘strength/fortitude of mind’ will be given to persevere through the crisis which may be over many years – [as in my instance and I came through successfully, though bruised but yet stronger for it – perhaps to face even greater trials]).

Acts.5v41

Rejoicing that they (being the True Christians, like apostles) were **counted worthy to suffer shame** (the stigma and vilifications emitted from those who feel embarrassed by the righteous lifestyle of these True Christians) **for his** (Jesus’) **sake** (by fully representing his name, character and authority).

2Tim.3v12

All (= True Christians) that will (sincerely try to) live Godly in Jesus Christ shall (so this will occur if you are a True Christian, but it will not occur if you are a worldly Christian) suffer persecution (The worldly leaders do not like their hypocrisy exposed).

John.16v2

Out of (the) synagogue (= excommunicated) they will make you to be (= ostracized out of the religious community); but comes a season/time that all the people destroying you will think a divine service/worship offering/presenting before/towards to the God. (Thus just as Paul thought prior to conversion – however after Paul’s conversion, these worldly religious leaders turned against Paul and tried to murder him – only because in his sincerity to fulfil Yahweh’s Desire he demonstrated the hypocrisy of the religious leaders painfully not fulfilling Yahweh’s Desire)

I include these to very clearly demonstrate some of the wrong ideas that ‘sitting happy’ worldly Christians seem to indulge in – awaiting their resurrection immediately at their death to heaven!

Sadly there are several erroneous statements in that one sentence – that this website tries to untangle!

However it is very important to realise that the wayward so-called Christian sects (an utter misnomer) proliferating particularly within USA use the very same Biblical text above – to give credibility to their isolation from The World.

Clearly this is where we all must use our detailed knowledge of The Bible (not filtered and then ‘spun’ through a religious leader’s rhetoric) to test the validity of these groups ‘other to-the-Bible teaching’. In almost every aspect they come up wanting, being very short of “The Truth”, The Bible specifically warns us of this – look at the fruit they produce. Is it decaying and smelly with rot, or is it the wonderful form of self-sacrifice charity love that pervades out towards others into bringing them into the accurate knowledge of Yahweh?

Is it from The Leader or does he/she keep away from the daily ‘front line’ of teaching new people being strangers in the streets.

Be also utterly neutral in worldly affairs so that you present no barrier to spreading the Word of God – for if you are known for one political persuasion, then those of another grouping might dismiss what you teach, resulting in The Word of God not being taught. Paul said I become like a Jew for the Jews and a Gentile to the Gentiles, only inasmuch he does not put up barriers that might inhibit Yahweh’s Word being taught.

So where do some of these so-called Christian preachers get Biblical evidence for earthly material wealth?

Again it is a gross distortion of The Word of God that one comes to expect from these charlatans!

There are no texts in The New Testaments that say True Christians become materially wealthy on this earth from the Christian faith/fidelity/assurance/knowledge. But everything states just the very opposite!

We are now living within The Gospel Age and hence this time is applicable to us now.

However these so-called Christian preachers use The Old Testament texts to justify what they say, and as usual it is always pulled out of context.

So lets us put it back into context.

The text applies to The Ancient Worthies who had been given a mission, from a promise made by Yahweh, to make the Jewish Nation great amongst the heathen tribes around about them. The idea was to demonstrate in a physical manner that The One True God was with this nation Israel, and the heathen tribes around about had to respect this nation because from this material wealth, came power and that power came from God (you see - all good/ideal things come from God). Hence a very Practical Demonstration of God’s Power!

We have the prophet Balham stating this, he was unable to curse Israel but only bless it!

But that is all changed now since Jesus has come to show us a new way. That commission has been taken away from The Old Israel nation (so why copy them?), and the commission has now been passed onto the gentiles (being all nations of the world), so that now, any individual from any nation can take up Jesus' offer. That is why you are paid by becoming a Son of God in The Millennium – you are not paid now during the Gospel Age while you are being assayed within The World by imitating Jesus – “who had nowhere to lay his head” to quote The Bible.

Thus this payment is the wonderful offer to become part of The New Nation Israel, being a nation filled with 144000 of trust-worthy individuals who have laid down their lives to:-

‘Preach the Good News message to the whole world and then the End of this system will come’.

This is not quite what Satan desires!

Hence the suffering for the True Christians endorsed by Satan, and the deception put out by the pandemic number of false preachers throughout the ages (and more so today) fulfilling the desire of Satan to sow discord, lawlessness and pull people away from discovering “The Absolute Truth” as given in The Bible and explained on this website!

So I ask the question – ‘Whose side do you want to be on?’