

Vol 6, Day 29: Seeing God's Blessing in Everything

Jesus disciples' faith was real, but it was not complete. It was not at work in actual experience. The disciples were distracted by their own interests. Their interests never were those of Jesus Christ. After we have become perfectly related to God in sanctification, our faith has to be applied to our daily activities. We will be distracted not as much by our work, but by inner anxieties and fears. In time we will discover what internal death to God's blessings means. That is, we will stop looking for God's blessing (which makes us feel good) and see His blessing encompasses everything we experience. It is all "... for our good." Seldom do we consider this idea. Even more rarely do we prepare ourselves to seek His blessings in the tragedies and calamities of life.

It is not necessarily that we choose unfortunate circumstances, but that we have utmost confidence that God engineers every one of our circumstances so that we are convinced of His constant blessing. Until we have come to that understanding, our faith is bolstered up primarily by feelings and by good happenings. When once we see that God has a purpose in every trial as well as every blessing, no matter where God places us or what our inner distractions are, we can praise God that all is well. That is faith being worked out in real life.

"... and shall leave Me alone." Have we made our relationship with Jesus far less than it could be by seeing His providence as random occurrences? Because we do not see God in our circumstances, begin to distrust the sovereignty of God. Are we prepared to let God do as He likes with us - prepared to be separated from conscious blessings? Until Jesus Christ is Lord, we all have ends of our own to serve. Our faith is real, but it is not complete yet. God is never in a hurry. If we wait, we will see that God is pointing out that we have not been interested in Himself but only in His blessings. The sense of God's blessing in every situation is foundational to intimacy with Him

"Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." What this means is that in Christ we overcome the negative reactions to things which constantly plague us in the natural.