

# Hope & Comfort

Finding hope and comfort in God during difficult times

## The God of All Comfort

### **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

[3] Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; [4] Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

### **Psalm 86:17**

(See Psalm 86:17)

### **Isaiah 51:12**

I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass;

### **Psalm 23:4**

(See Psalm 23:4)

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. God's very title identifies Him as the source of all true consolation—not merely a comforter among many but the God of all comfort.

Show me a token for good, that they which hate me may see it and be ashamed, because Thou, LORD, hast holpen me and comforted me. I, even I, am He that comforteth you.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. This comfort is not superficial cheer or denial of difficulty but divine consolation that sustains through the darkest trials, rooted in God's character, presence, and promises.

# Comfort and Purpose in Affliction

## **Romans 8:28**

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

## **2 Corinthians 4:17**

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

## **James 1:2-4**

[2] My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; [3] Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. [4] But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

## **1 Peter 5:10**

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

Scripture reveals that God brings purpose from believers' afflictions. We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. The God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

Afflictions are not random cruelties but divinely ordained means of spiritual growth, purification, and preparation for glory. This perspective transforms suffering from meaningless tragedy into purposeful refinement.

# God Our Refuge and Present Help

## **Psalm 46:1-3**

(See Psalm 46:1-3)

## **Psalm 91:1-2**

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## **Isaiah 41:10**

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

## **Nahum 1:7**

The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in Him will I trust.

Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.

The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble, and He knoweth them that trust in Him. God's help is not distant or theoretical but immediate and practical—a very present help.

His presence provides shelter in the storm, strength in weakness, and stability when all else shakes.

# Hope Anchored in Christ's Resurrection

## **1 Peter 1:3**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

## **1 Corinthians 15:19-20**

[19] If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

[20] But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

## **Romans 6:9**

Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

## **Colossians 1:27**

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christian hope rests upon Christ's resurrection—if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept. Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more, death hath no more dominion over Him.

This hope is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Unlike worldly optimism that may prove vain, Christian hope is confident expectation grounded in historical fact and divine promise.

Christ's resurrection guarantees our resurrection, validates His claims, confirms His victory, and assures believers of future glory. This hope sustains through present suffering and anchors the soul in stormy seas.

# The Certainty of Future Glory

## **Romans 8:18**

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

## **2 Corinthians 4:17-18**

[17] For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; [18] While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

## **Revelation 21:4**

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.

## **1 John 3:2**

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory while we look not at the things which are seen but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

This future hope—glorification, perfection, eternal joy—provides perspective that transforms present suffering from unbearable weight to light affliction.

# Comfort Through God's Word

## **Romans 15:4**

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

## **Psalm 119:50**

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## **Psalm 119:76**

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## **Jeremiah 15:16**

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. The Bible provides practical, powerful comfort in affliction.

This is my comfort in my affliction, for Thy word hath quickened me. Let, I pray Thee, Thy merciful kindness be for my comfort according to Thy word unto Thy servant.

Thy words were found, and I did eat them, and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart. Scripture comforts by revealing God's character, recounting His faithfulness, declaring His promises, and providing examples of others who endured trials victoriously.

The Holy Spirit applies biblical truth to believers' hearts, making ancient words living comfort for present sorrows. Regular meditation upon God's Word supplies strength for today and hope for tomorrow, transforming perspective and renewing the mind.

# The Ministry of Comforting Others

## **2 Corinthians 1:4**

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

**Isaiah 40:1**

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

[24] And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: [25] Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

God comforts us in all our tribulation that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. Divine comfort is not given solely for personal benefit but equips believers to minister to others.

Wherefore comfort yourselves together and edify one another, even as also ye do. Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God.

Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching. Those who have received comfort in their afflictions possess unique ability to console others facing similar trials.

This ministry involves presence, empathy, practical help, biblical truth, and pointing sufferers to God's sufficient grace. Believers become conduits of divine comfort, channels through which God's consolation flows to hurting souls.

## The Blessed Hope of Christ's Return

**Titus 2:13**

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

### **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

[13] But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. [14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. [15] For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. [16] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [17] Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. [18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

### **Philippians 3:20-21**

[20] For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: [21] Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

### **Revelation 22:20**

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ—this anticipated return of Christ provides ultimate comfort and hope. I would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His



glorious body. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly.

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

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