

Lesson 44 Answers and Comments

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| Gladly | wonders | open | fathers |
| Spent | hands | eyes | I |
| You | Paul | turn | begotten |
| Love | miracles | darkness | gospel |
| Less | wonders | light | followers |
| Loved | Gentiles | power | me |
| Reviled | obedient | Satan | remembrance |
| Bless | deed | God | my |
| Persecuted | mighty` | forgiveness | ways |
| Suffer | signs | sins | I |
| Defamed | wonders | Trophimus | teach |
| Intreat | fully | sick | every |
| Filth | preached | little | church |
| World | gospel | wine | |
| Offscouring | Christ | stomach's | |
| Bodily | me | often | |
| Weak | preaching | infirmities | |
| Speech | fully | exceeding | |
| Contemptible | known | abundantly | |
| Elijah | Gentiles | power | |
| Dorcas | hear | worketh | |
| Peter | delivered | in | |
| Prayed | lion | Strengthened | |
| God | Chosen | might | |
| Special | Gentiles | power | |
| Miracles | kings | patience | |
| Paul | Israel | longsuffering | |
| Signs | Delivering | joyfulness | |

I pray that you have been built up, encouraged, and energized by this Bible study. We all work on areas of our life: our financial life, our recreation life, our romantic life, our family life etc. Each of these areas should flow out of what God wants to work on in each of our lives.

Gal. 4:19 "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." Christ is formed in us as we submit our minds and lives to the truth God revealed to the Apostle Paul for our obedience.

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Acts 20:10 “And Paul went down and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.”

We saw last week how God by the hands of Paul wrought miracles. And that Eutychus was indeed an example of that. We also saw that God continues to work mightily in the lives of believers through the rightly divided word of God. The mighty works of patience, longsuffering and joyfulness are just some of the works God is doing today!

Paul says to the people gathered around Eutychus, “Trouble not yourselves.” Do any of us need to be told this?? There was a sense of distress, commotion, grief, and despair that had overcome these saints.

To have trouble is a fact of life.

Job 5:7 “Yet _____ is _____ unto _____, as the _____ fly _____.”

I Cor. 7:28 concerning marriage. “But and if thou marry...Nevertheless such shall have _____ in the flesh...”

II Cor. 4:8 “We are _____ on _____ side...”

To have trouble is natural, common to all of us. Could we avoid some of our troubles? Of course! We all make a lot of our own trouble. But nonetheless, troubles are a part of life here on earth.

To have trouble is natural. To be troubled is a choice.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the one who alone can dispel our trouble and comfort our hearts.

II Cor. 1:3, 4 “...and the God of all _____; vs. 4 Who _____ us in all our _____, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the _____ wherewith we _____ are _____ of _____.”

The Lord Jesus Christ, in telling His disciples about His coming betrayal and death, says in John 14:1 “Let not your _____ be troubled.” Vs. 27 “...Let not your heart be _____, neither let it be _____.”

Christ comforts His disciples with hope. If you read John 14:2-6 you see that the hope of eternal things is what will keep being troubled at bay. Paul says in Rom. 8:18-25 (please read these verse) that the thing that saves us from the despair of our trouble is _____ in verse 24. Hope is that confident expectation that rises from the Word of God. God draws our attention to Himself, to the things He has promised.

II Cor. 4:18 “While we look _____ at the things which are _____, but at the things which are _____: for the things which are _____ are _____; but the things which are _____ are _____.”

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Phil. 4:6, 7 “Be _____ for nothing; but in every thing by _____ and _____ with thanksgiving let your requests be made know unto God. Vs. 7 And the _____ of _____, which _____ all understanding, shall _____ your _____ and _____ through _____.”

Prayer is a wonderful provision that God has given to His children. Prayer is pouring out our heart to the Lord about everything.

Eph. 6:18 “Praying _____ with all _____ and _____ in the Spirit...”

It is easy to pick up the phone and bend the ear of anyone who will listen to our troubles. How often do we immediately start to talk with God about it? As we speak with God (as my granddaughter correctly calls prayer) verses like the ones we just looked at in II Cor. 4 and Rom. 8 should spring to mind. Prayer is designed to bring us to God’s perspective on trouble!

Did you notice the answer to our prayers in Phil. 4:7? “And the _____ of _____...” shall be ours. The peace of God will keep, garrison, secure, fortify our hearts and minds.

Paul tells these grief stricken saints, “Trouble not yourselves...” There is hope! “For his _____ is in him.” Acts 20:10

Eutychus’ life was in him. No longer dead, but alive! How the people must have rejoiced. From despair to hope, from sadness to joy, from grief to peace of mind. All within a few short moments!

If we do get troubled by our troubles, do we let it linger on? Dear friend, take it to the Lord in prayer. Let the verses fill your mind and let the God of all comfort let His peace keep your heart and mind through Christ Jesus.

You would think that this congregation would have been ready to call it a night after all this commotion. But what do we see in Acts 20:11? “When he therefore was come up again, and had _____, and _____, and _____ a _____ while, even til _____ of _____, so he departed.”

They continued fellowshiping and Paul, continued preaching. Til the early morning hours. I’m sure Eutychus was “all ears” this time. In vs. 12 we finish this wonderful account. “And they brought the _____, and were not a _____.”

They were not a little comforted, they were ecstatic. They had great joy!

Phil. 4:4 should ring in our hearts continually, “_____ in the _____: and again I say, _____.”