

*Paul's Letter to the*  
**Romans**



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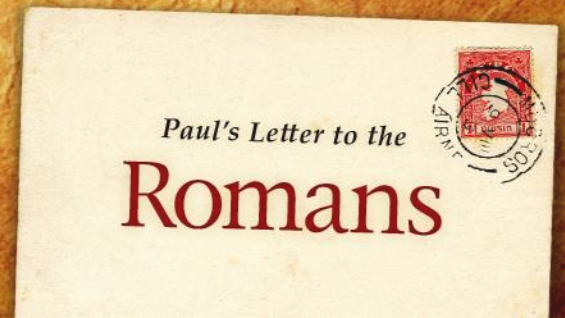




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## 2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-7

“Boasting is necessary, though it is not profitable; but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven.

And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak. On behalf of such a man I will boast; but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in regard to my weaknesses. For if I do wish to boast I will not be foolish, for I will be speaking the truth; but I refrain from this, so that no one will credit me with more than he sees in me or hears from me. Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!”





NOTHING TO BE  
COMPARED WITH  
WHAT IS COMING.



“Even the excruciating pain of the martyrs will seem like pinpricks when the Savior graces their brows with the crown of life”

William Macdonald.



## YOUR SUFFERING WILL BE REWARDED

**Matt 5:11-12** “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**Eph 3:20a** “Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,”

**2 Cor. 4:17-18** “For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 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.”

**Phil. 3:20-21** “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.”





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**Colossians 3:1-4** “Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.”

**Daniel 12:3** “Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”





**Don't allow the difficulties of this life to steal the joy**  
**of the promise of the next!**



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# GENESIS 3:17-19

“Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life. “Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return.””

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# THE ANIMAL KINGDOM RENEWED.

**Isaiah 11:6-9** "...And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea."

**Isaiah 43:19-21** ""Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert. "The beasts of the field will glorify Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I have given waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My chosen people. "The people whom I formed for Myself Will declare My praise."

**Isaiah 55:12-13** ""For you will go out with joy And be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, And all the trees of the field will clap their hands. "Instead of the thorn bush the cypress will come up, And instead of the nettle the myrtle will come up, And it will be a memorial to the LORD, For an everlasting sign which will not be cut off.""





# NEW HEAVEN, NEW EARTH.

Isaiah 65:17-25 ““For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,  
And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.  
“But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create  
Jerusalem for rejoicing And her people for gladness. “I will also  
rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people;



And there will no longer be heard in her The voice of weeping and the sound of crying.  
“No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, Or an old man who  
does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred And the one  
who does not reach the age of one hundred Will be thought accursed. “They will build  
houses and inhabit them; They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit. “They will  
not build and another inhabit, They will not plant and another eat; For as the lifetime  
of a tree, so will be the days of My people, And My chosen ones will wear out the work  
of their hands. “They will not labor in vain, Or bear children for calamity; For they are  
the offspring of those blessed by the LORD, And their descendants with them. “It will  
also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I  
will hear. “The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the  
ox; and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy  
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"I wonder whether the phenomenon of the Spring supplies us with a part answer. Nature every year, as it were, makes an effort to renew itself, to produce something permanent; it has come out of the death and the darkness of all that is so true of the Winter. In the Spring it seems to be trying to produce a perfect creation, to be going through some kind of birth pangs year by year. But unfortunately, it does not succeed, for Spring leads only to Summer, whereas Summer leads to Autumn, and Autumn to Winter. Poor old nature tries every year to defeat the 'vanity' the principle of death and decay and disintegration that is in it. But it cannot do so. IT fails every time. It still goes on trying, as if it feels things should be different and better, but it never succeeds. So it goes on 'growing and travailing in pain together until now.'" It has been doing so for a very long time...but nature still repeats the effort annually"

Martin Llyod Jones





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- ✓ **Perseverance** is “The capacity to hold out or bear up in the face of difficulty, patience, endurance, fortitude, steadfastness, perseverance.” BDAG
- ✓ Used to describe the good seed in Luke 8:15
- ✓ *“Who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with **perseverance**.”*



# PERSEVERE

WITH GOD AS YOUR STRENGTH



Phil 1:6 “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

1 Peter 1:13 “Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

1 Thess. 5:24 “Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.”



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