

Harassment and Torment From the Evil One

Harassment and torment are a specialty of Satan and his dominion. So often I hear Christians declare things like, I don't understand why this or why that keeps happening. I feel like I am being constantly attacked. I thought being a Christian meant that things would be easy now. The funny thing is that these kind of statements come from the young, whether they accepted Christ as their savior yesterday or 30 years ago.

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:10

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also." John 15:18-20

"Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it." Acts 7:51-53

Once Jesus becomes our shepherd we must follow his voice wherever he leads. So many of us were touched by the Holy Spirit and were drawn to Christ but it ended there we didn't know where to go from there. We figured we'd better get a Bible all Christians have one. I guess I should read it but I'm not sure I understand it. What is needed here is a discipleship class or discipleship gathering. Unfortunately, these classes and gatherings are few and far between. Which is indicative of the time in which we live. The itching ears and just before the dawn of the one world religion.

Before Satan and his evil spirits can enter, there has to be an open door. *"That wicked one toucheth him not." 1 John 5:18*

"The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul." Psalm 121:7

How does Satan get an opening?

When the saint ceases to seek after holiness, purity, truth, and righteousness; when they stop praying, reading the Word of God and surrender to carnal cravings; this is when Satan comes.

So often sickness comes as a result of disobedience, David said, *"Before I was afflicted, I went astray." Psalm 119:67*

Seek the Lord and He will sanctify every thought, every act, till your whole being is a blaze with holy purity and your one desire will be for Him whose pleasure it was to clothe you in holiness. Oh, this holiness.

"Be ye holy; for I am holy." 1 Peter 1:16

Can we be made pure?

We can. Every ingrained sin must go. God can cleanse away every evil thought.

Can we have a love for righteousness?

Yes, God will create within you a pure heart. He will take away the stony heart out of you. He will sprinkle you with clean water and you will be cleansed from all the filthiness.

"I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil." Romans 16:19

When will He do it?

When you seek Him for such inward purity.

"Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Matthew 7:7-8

"O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." 1 Timothy 6:11

"All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Timothy 3:16-17