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Romans 8:17-30

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The King in His Consummate Beauty

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I. Present Suffering, Future Glory - Vs. 16-18

II Corinthians 4:17 -

“These momentary light afflictions are producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.”

“We do not want merely to see beauty, though, God knows, even that is bounty enough. We want something else which can hardly be put into words- to be united with the beauty we see, to pass into it, to receive it into ourselves, to bathe in it, to become part of it...God will one day give us the Morning Star and cause us to put on the splendor of the sun [Matt. 13:43- “Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father”]...At present we are on the outside of the world, the wrong side of the door...but the leaves of the New Testament are rustling with the rumor that it will not always be so. Some day, God willing, we shall get in.”

~C.S. Lewis, Weight of Glory, 12-13

II. Present Groaning, Future Freedom - Vs. 19-22

II Peter 3:10-13-

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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“Paul encourages believers to endure temporary suffering by giving them a glimpse of the beauty that awaits the children of God. The redemption they await is so stupendous that it will involve the entire created order. Just as creation fell when Adam sinned, so too will it be transformed when the children of God experience the completion of their redemption. Believers should be full of hope because the suffering of this age are part and parcel of a fallen creation, and the glory of the age to come inevitably involves a renewed creation.”

~Tom Schreiner, Romans, 437-8

III. Present Groaning, Future Redemption

- Vs. 23-25

Ephesians 1:13-14 -

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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“The thesis of this section is that the future glories are so stunning and magnificent that they render present sufferings inconsequential...Given the wonders of the glory awaiting believers, they should endure present sufferings with eagerness, knowing that all suffering in the present can be borne because the reward before them is incomparably delightful.”

~ Tom Schreiner, 440

IV. Present Weakness, Future Good - Vs. 26-30