

## **EVEN BAD THINGS "... WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD..."! (Bro. Elijah)**

All things include bad things. There is a prerequisite for this lesson, you must **LOVE GOD** and **KEEP** his **COMMANDMENTS!**

### **Romans 8:28**

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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.

Mankind needs to understand that **GOD** controls every situation, whether good or evil, and man cannot do anything about it! We are to especially consider our situation in the day of adversity because everything happens for a reason. We should not curse God, but thank him that we have life and understand that if we did wrong, we must humble ourselves and repent because God has the power to kill and destroy.

### **Ecclesiastes 7:13-14**

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13 Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight,

which he hath made crooked?

14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

**God creates grief due to sin and if it happens, we are to understand that it is necessary. Sometimes we deserve the greif and God needs to bring it justly that we might make the kingdom. Hopefully, we realize and repent. Overall, we are to be patient and wait for the Lord in all situations.**

## **Lamentations 3:25-32**

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25 The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

28 He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him.

29 He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.

30 He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach.

31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever:

32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion

according to the multitude of his mercies.

**God creates good and evil. Man should not complain for punishment and trouble, especially because we are sinners and all sin has a reward. Instead of complaining, we should realize our ways and strive to serve the Lord.**

### **Lamentations 3:38-40**

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**38** Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?

**39** Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?

**40** Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.

**Israel was treacherous from the beginning. When you hate and envy someone, you can be hating against the Lord's will. Joseph did not do anything but he had favor from the Lord. He almost died, and was sold into slavery. If we are in this situation, then we must serve God because ultimately all things work for Good!**

### **Genesis 37:3-8**

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**3** Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he

was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21 And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.

28 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph

into Egypt.

**36** And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

**God turns evil into Good! Joseph's dream comes true! He was sold into slavery but then rose to prominence and due to the famine, his brothers had to make obeisance unto him! Joseph's brethren felt remorse for their wickedness but Joseph was a humble servant of God and did not requite evil unto them.**

**Joseph: "Am I in the place of God" - We are not to repay evil, for we are not the judgers of mankind but God will give everyman his reward. Therefore, we must always do his will and not our own.**

## **Genesis 50:14-21**

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**14** And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

**15** And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

**16** And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

**20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.**

21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

**The Lord might let bad things happen to us, in order for good to occur and to help somebody else. Paul keeps sabbath, spreads the gospel (you never know who will hear), rebukes evil spirit (Satan is crafty), gets beaten and thrown in prison, rejoiced while suffering, and through all that a man turned to God! God is Good!**

## **Acts 16:12-34**

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12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast

them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

**Righteous is greater than riches (kills prosperity doctrine). The steps of a GOOD MAN are ORDERED BY**



**THE LORD so he might allow bad things to happen, and we may go through problems and issues down, but ultimately, God will keep us and bless us!**

**(Israel as a nation has fallen but God has not utterly cast them away due to his covenant)**

## **Psalm 37:16**

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**16** A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

**21** The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

**22** For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

**23** The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

**24** **Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.**

**Even tho Israel have fallen,they have NOT been cast away from being God's priests! From Israel's fall, Salvation was brought unto the Gentiles! God can make good out of any bad situation.**

**Romans 11:1**

King James Version (KJV)

**1** I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

**11** I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

**12** Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

**13** For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

**14** If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.

**15** For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

**25** For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

**26** And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Religious leaders conspire to kill Jesus for worldly reasons. However, Jesus' death was necessary for the Jews and all the nations. The Ultimate Good came from

## the Ultimate Evil!

### John 11:47-54

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47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

48 If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

49 And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

**50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.**

51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;

52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

54 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples.

**Wicked people CRUCIFIED the Messiah! The truth is never popular and it is spoken evil of. If we have faith, we do not need to worry about anything, not even**

death.

## Acts 2:22-25 (Also see hebrews 12)

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22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

**23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:**

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

**36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**Jesus learned obedience through suffering!**

## Hebrews 5:5-8

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5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

**8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;**

Even when bad things are happening, we need to make sure we are doing God's will = Keeping God's Laws. Sometimes we need to be afflicted to keep the word

## Psalm 119:59-61

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**59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.**

60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed

thy commandments.

**67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.**

68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law.

**71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.**

**72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.**

**No matter what terrible situation we go through as servants of God, all things works together for Good! God knows all things and controls every situation so do not worry!**

**Romans 8:28-39**

King James Version (KJV)

**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.**

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and

whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

**31** What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

**32** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

**33** Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

**34** Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

**35** **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?**

**36** **As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.**

**37** **Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.**

**38** **For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,**

**39** **Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**All servants of God will suffer persecutions and tribulations. Suffering in this life is necessary for us to be counted worthy for the kingdom. If we do not suffer**

for our sins in this body, we will have to pay in the next life (Psalm 92:7, Hebrews 12:6-7)

## 2 Thessalonians 1:3-5

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3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

**5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:**