

PROV. 30:6 – “NO, GOD DIDN’T SAY THAT!”

Prov. 30:5,6 - “Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. ⁶DO NOT ADD TO HIS WORDS, or He will rebuke you and prove you a liar.”

Perhaps the one most used by Christians trying to be supportive and encouraging to people is “Well, God said it will all work out for good.” Well, that’s not exactly what He said. The basis for that statement is Rom. 8:28, 29.

NIV: ²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

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.

The subject of this sentence is NOT “things” – it is _____. Properly translated, it would be “we know GOD is working in all things.....” Then we need to think about “all things”. What does that involve? _____ things!

I. THERE ARE FOUR PRIMARY SOURCES OF “THINGS”

A. _____ chastens us – Heb. 12:5-11

B. _____ brings things into our lives

II Cor. 12:7-10 – Paul calls his thorn in the flesh “a messenger of Satan”

If you know Job’s story, you know that God allowed Satan to bring all kinds of disasters into Job’s life.

C. _____ bring some bad days on ourselves

D. Some bad days come because of the _____ in which we live.

II. GOD CAN TURN BAD DAYS INTO GOOD – not “good days” or “good things”, but GOOD (noun)

Don’t overlook 8:29 – it completes the thought of 8:28, and you will misapply 8:28 if you don’t get hold of 8:29. v. 29 – we are predestined to be conformed to Christ - THIS is the good God is ultimately working toward.

The focus of this verse is this: God’s plan for the lives of His children is that we become more and more like _____.

God's ultimate goal for us is not our comfort, but _____-like character.

Stop and think: What have you learned through the hard times?

III. WE HAVE TO MEET GOD'S CONDITIONS – Rom. 8:28; Job 23: 11,12

A. Those who _____ God and are the called according to His purpose. This is a **CONDITIONAL** promise.

B. The criteria for meeting the conditions: Love God (If you love Me, keep my commandments), and are the called according to His purpose – we show we are called by our _____ for Him.

Job 23:8-12 Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: ⁹On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him: ¹⁰But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. (Rom. 8:28,29) ¹¹My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. ¹²Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

A. Keep God's _____ – v. 11

B. Don't go backwards – v. 12a

C. _____ His Word – v. 12b

If you meet those conditions, then, yes, Rom. 8:28,29 is for you. But it's not for everyone. Please be careful not to say something God didn't say!

“Trust and Obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.”