

“Faith Functioning When Suffering”

Functional Faith—Part 11

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“We can ignore even pleasure. But pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, but shouts in our pain.” - C. S. Lewis

Romans 8:18—“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

1. God’s _____ is coming.

James 5:7-8 (ESV—Emp. Added) – “Be PATIENT, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being PATIENT about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be PATIENT. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

II Peter 3:9 (Emp. Added) —“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is PATIENT with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

2. God's _____ is coming.

James 5:9 – “Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!”

3. A word of _____ for the steadfast.

James 5:11—“We consider those blessed who remained steadfast...you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.”

A. God _____ the steadfast.

B. God has a _____ for the steadfast.

C. God has _____ for the steadfast.

D. God has _____ for the steadfast.