

HIS PURPOSE

ROMANS 8:28

Text:

Introduction:

A trip to the drug store to get a prescription filled. The druggist will take several bottles off the shelf, mix them together and make a medicine. Some of the chemicals he uses may be dangerous and even fatal, but when they are mixed together in the proper amounts, they can heal your body.

This is how God works also.

He takes all our problems, and our situations, which look so terrible, and He mixes them all together and produces something that is very wonderful - medicine for the soul.

Notice:

1. THE CERTAINTY OF GOD'S PROMISE

Romans 8:28

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.

“We know” – All things will work together for good.

Someone once said, “If any promise of God should fail, the heavens would cloth themselves in sackcloth; the sun, the moon and the stars would reel from their courses; the universe would rock, and a hollow wind would moan through a ruined creation the awful fact that God can lie.”

Hebrews 6:18

¹⁸ That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Titus 1:2

² In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

2. THE COMPLETENESS OF GOD'S PROMISE

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Not “most” not “some” but “ALL”

Everything in the life of the child of God is working for our good.

Notice:

A. Sweet Things Work for Our Good

These blessings from the Lord ought to cause us to want to be better Christians.

B. Sorrowful Things Work for Our Good

Examples:

- Judah – Jeremiah 24:5

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⁵ Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for *their* good.

- David – Psalms 119:71

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

- Joseph – Genesis 50:20

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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.

- Manasseh – 2 Chron. 33:11-12

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¹¹ Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. ¹² And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

When God allows a time of sorrow, suffering or pain in our lives, it is always for our good and for His glory.

C. Satanic Things Work for Our Good

Illustration: Paul

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

⁷ And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. ⁸ For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. ⁹ And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Paul endured satanic attack and affliction. God can even use the devil to work out good things in our lives.

3. THE CONDITION OF HIS PROMISE

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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.

This promise isn't for everyone. Only those who love God.

How can you tell if you truly love God?

John 14:15

¹⁵ If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 14:21

²¹ He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

4. THE CONSEQUENCES OF GOD'S PROMISE

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This is not a verse designed for your happiness! It is not to be taken lightly.

Note the verses that follow.

Romans 8:29-30

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.

God's purpose in turning everything to good is not to bless you, make you happy, or make you wealthy. God is doing all that He does to make you more like Jesus!

Close:

God knows what He is doing, and His way is perfect, He makes no mistakes.

One day, as a result of everything you have endured and enjoyed in this life, He will have chipped and chiseled you into His own image. That and that alone, make every situation of life worthwhile.