Light Affliction

2 Cor. 4:15-

Ибо **легкое** страдание наше, которое лишь на мгновение, произ­водит для нас гораздо более превос­ходящий *и* вечный вес славы;

When you’re going through rough times you can’t understand why affliction is “light”

It would sound like an insult.

Some people may think that they won’t last another day.

Paul is one that could say that it was rough (2 Cor. 6:4-6; 11:23-28)

Paul could “back up” what he was saying.

**I. IT IS “LIGHT” IN COMPARISON TO WHAT WE DESERVE** (Ezra 9:13).

И после всего, что пришло на нас за злые дела наши, и за великое преступление наше, поскольку ты, **Бог наш, наказал нас меньше, чем наши беззакония *заслуживают*,** и дал нам *такое* избавление как это;

1. Many Christian do not stop to think about what you really deserved.

 **ILL.** If God decided to judge you every time you thought a bad thought –

**II. IT IS LIGHT IN COMPARISON TO HELL**

v. 16 По которой причине мы не унываем; **но хотя наш внешний че­ловек и погибает**, внутренний, тем не менее, со дня на день обновляется.

1. You can’t say that about an unsaved man. Not only does his outward man perish but his soul goes to hell.

 **ILL.** Doctor that witnessed those that were clinically dead but came back to life. *“I’m in hell.”*

 **ILL.** Luke 16:19-31

 Mk. 8:36 Ибо какая польза человеку, если он приобретет весь мир, а душу свою потеряет?

1. It doesn’t say that he was especially bad.

**III. IN LIGHT OF WHAT MEN HAD TO GO THROUGH THAT WERE NOT ETERNALLY SAVED.**

1. They didn’t have the COMFORTER of the Holy Spirit that sealed them eternally.

 **ILL.** Job

**IV. IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT AFTER SUFFERING NOW THERE IS GLORY NOW**

v. 15 Ибо всё ради вас, чтобы обильная благодать через благодарение многих содействовала **славе** Божьей.

1. God gets the glory.

 **ILL.** Cf. when men get glory, temporary glory.

 When a country gets glory. It doesn’t mean anything.

 **ILL.** Man that got in an accident, many bones were broken. *“I’m glad the Lord got my attention.”*

2. 30 x’s **“glory”** is mentioned in 2 Corinthians. (1 Pet. 1:11)

3. You get a glimpse of glory

 Ты получаешь **проблеск славы,**

 i. when God answers your prayers (2 Cor. 1:20).

 когда Бог отвечает на твою молитву.

 ii. You get a glimpse of the glory of God as He strengthens you (2 Cor. 3:18)

 iii. When you see Jesus in the scriptures (2 Cor. 4:4).

4. Because of the supernatural paradox of Biblical Christianity (2 Cor. 12:9)

 **ILL.** Soldiers that have to deal with constant pain as effects of war.

 Soldiers on the battlefield

 **ILL. Tim Lee** – no legs.

 **ILL.** Fanny Crosby – blind. Never got to see the sun, moon, stars, etc.

**V. IN LIGHT OF THE REWARD**

**произ­водит для нас гораздо более превос­ходящий *и* вечный вес славы;**

 **ILL.** “It’s worth it” sportsmen.

 **ILL.** Boxer that got beat up. When he gets the belt the battle was worth it.

1. The affliction may be light but GOD wants something else out of you. ETERNAL GLORY

2 Tim. 2:11, 12

 **ILL.** The brand new body is one thing but the reward from the Saviour is something else.

**VI. IT IS “LIGHT” COMPARED TO THE GLORY WHICH SHALL BE REVEALED** (2 Cor. 4:18)

1. Things that are NOT seen.

2. Rom. 8:18

**VII. IN LIGHT OF WHAT JESUS CHRIST WENT THROUGH**

(Psa. 22; Isa. 53)

1. He didn’t deserve that.

2. He did that voluntarily.

3. He did it for others.

Conclusion

Invitation

Saved

Unsaved