

Unscramble ...

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| 1. shi | 6. eth | 11. rerdoed | 16. eltigdthhe |
| 2. yb | 7. adn | 12. in | 17. gdoo |
| 3. a | 8. ear | 13. tepss | 18. eh |
| 4. heT | 9. Plmsa | 14. rodL | |
| 5. awy | 10. of | 15. amn | |

Now, put the words in order:

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 ----- in ----- w ----- 37:23

Looking on the Wrong Side

Edwin Kerlin

Dr. G. F. Pentecost was once trying to comfort a woman who had passed through sore trials. Failing in his efforts to cheer her and dispel her doubts, he took up some embroidery upon which she had been working and said, "What a confusion of threads! Why waste time on a thing like that?"

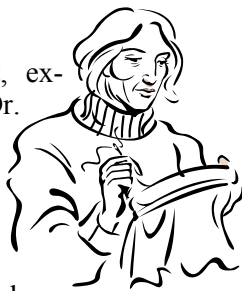
Turning the embroidery over, she said, "Now look at it. You were seeing it from the wrong

side."

"That's it, exactly," said Dr. Pentecost.

"You are looking at your trials from the wrong side.

Turn them over and look at them from the right side, that is, from God's side. The Lord is working out a design of His own for your life, and you must look at things from His point of view, and trust His workmanship."



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Good from "Bad"

Bill Brinkworth

What a world this would be if bad things never happened; but since sin entered in, they always will. Many think that hard things should not happen to good people, but they do!

Just because a person is born into the family of God, does not mean he will be exempted from the consequences of natural disasters, disease, aging, others' actions, and death. Being saved from hell does not magically put a force field around a person. Yes, God does protect us many times, but it still rains on the "just and the unjust." (Matthew 5:45). Calamities and hard times will happen to everyone many times in their lives.



God could certainly protect us from all misfortunes, but the trials and tribulations in our lives often do much to strengthen us

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The Right Road Home

Rosalind Goforth

*Is this the right road home, O Lord?
 The clouds are dark, and still;
 The stony path is sharp and hard,
 Each step brings some fresh hill!*

*I thought the way would brighter grow,
 And the sun with warmth would glow,
 And joyous songs from free hearts flow;
 Is this the right road home?*

*Yes, child, this very path I trod,
 The clouds were dark for Me;
 The stony path was hard to tread,
 Not sight, but faith can see.*

*But, at the end the sun shines bright
 Forever, where there is no night;
 And glad hearts rest from earth's fierce fight;
 It is the right road home.*

"The Lord gets his best soldiers out of the highlights of affliction."
 — Charles Spurgeon

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Good Can Come “Bad”

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and get us closer to Him. It is during the hard times that we should grow closer to God, and trust Him to carry us through them. It is also during those times that our faith can grow, as we see his mighty hand of deliverance.

Many great and wonderful things have happened because of the “bad” times. Here are some “bad” events that happened to godly people in the Bible, and how God used those events to bring honor to Himself, to bless those going through the dilemma, and to bless others:

✍ Noah: If Noah did not obey God and sweat for many years building the Ark, mankind would not have had a second chance.

✍ Abraham: If Abraham had not come to the point that he chose God over everything else, including his son’s life, he may not have had God’s blessings on him and his generations.

✍ Joseph: If Joseph’s jealous brothers had not thrown him in the pit and sold him into slavery, he never would have been second in command to the pharaoh and been able to help his family during a time of drought and starvation.

✍ Moses: If he never kept his father-in-law’s, Jethro’s, sheep and suffered loneliness in the

wilderness, he would never have been in the place to see the burning bush and be called to be God’s people’s leader.

✍ Ruth: If Ruth had not been faithful to her mother-in-law and worked to support her, she never would have met the man she was to marry.

✍ Elijah: If Elijah never stood faithful to God when it was not popular, Israel may have indulged longer in the idolatry of Baalism.

✍ Nehemiah: If Nehemiah did not love God and weep for Jerusalem, Jerusalem would never have been rebuilt.

✍ Job: If Job had never been tested by Satan, he never would have had twice as much wealth and belongings as he had had originally (Job 42:12-13).

✍ David: If David had not had hard times and heartbreaks, he never would have helped write much of the book of Psalms which has encouraged and blessed billions of people.

✍ Paul: If Paul was not shipwrecked on Malta, the island’s ruler’s father would never have healed of his fever.

✍ Jesus: If Jesus never was mocked, persecuted, whipped, beaten, or lied about, we would never have escaped our due punishment in hell.

Sometimes hard times do come to people to turn them in a godly direction, or stop them from doing more damage to

★ **“Blessed to us is the night, for it reveals the stars.”** ★

themselves or others. The difficult tribulations can get them closer to God, so they can see his mighty hand in helping them. Other times the trials can be to change a situation to the way God has planned.

There are people that spend their whole life mad and blaming God for the death of a loved one, or for a trial they went through. Do they possibly think that death will be missed by their loved ones, or that they will have a perfectly sheltered life because they are so “good”?

Hard times will and do come to everyone. No one is exempt. Those times are either a time to foolishly shake your fist at God, (which can only make matters worse), when you need Him the most, or to draw close to Him and see His mighty hand produce “good” from what seemed “bad”.

Why should bad things not happen to us? Are we more special than even God’s only son, who also went through hard times? God has a plan for all that happens in our lives, even though its purpose may be cloudy when we are going through it.

When going through a valley, it is the time to call for the God of the mountain. He sees what we are facing, and is willing to guide us through the hard times. Call upon Him and seek His help during those tribulations.

Helped by Being Hurt

Sunday School Times

Sometimes we are helped by being hurt. A skilled physician, about to perform a delicate ear operation said to a patient, “I may hurt you, but I will not injure you.”

How often the great Physician speaks to us the same message, if we would listen. Richer life and more abundant health for every child of His is His only purpose. Why defeat that purpose?

When Weights Are Blessings

Christian Victory

Dr. Lambie, a medical missionary of former Abyssinia, had forded many swift and bridgeless streams in Africa. The danger in crossing such a stream lies in being swept off one’s feet and being carried down the stream to greater depths, or hurled to death against the hidden rocks.

He learned the best way to make such a hazardous crossing. The man about to cross finds a large stone, the heavier the better, lifts it to his shoulder, and carries it across the stream as ballast. The extra weight of the stone keeps his feet solid on the bed of the stream and he can cross safely without being swept away.

While crossing the dangerous stream of life, enemies constantly seek to overthrow us and rush us down to ruin. We need the ballast of burden bearing, a load of affliction, to keep us from being swept off our feet.

“God often digs wells of joy with the spade of sorrow!”