

Four Watchwords for Times of Divine Judgment

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During times of divine judgment, we must apply the four watchwords (declaration, commitment, expectation, and faith) to experience God's joy in the midst of suffering.

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Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:16, 1 Peter 5:6, Revelation 16:7

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Description

In this sermon, Basilea Schlink shares her personal experience of going through a period of divine judgment and chastening. She emphasizes the importance of humbling oneself under God's hand and accepting His discipline with faith and expectation. Schlink provides four watchwords for behavior during times of divine judgment: acknowledging the righteousness of God's judgments, humbling oneself before Him, expecting His good purposes to be fulfilled, and maintaining faith even in the midst of hopelessness. She encourages listeners to apply these watchwords in their own lives and assures them that God always turns suffering into joy.

Transcript

God lives and works today. We see this especially in the fact that He chastens His children, for He chastens and disciplines because He loves, and afterwards wants to do ever so much more good to us. Today's testimony by Vassalia Schlenk can help you when you find yourself in a similar situation, when God comes with His judgment.

We wanted to hold a very special festival on our little land of Canaan, a love to Jesus festival, at which Jesus would receive overflowing love from us and a great crowd of our friends. But we can't go to a festival without the right preparation. On the outside, this means freshly washed and ironed clothing and a clean house.

You might say our hearts had to be washed and cleaned. That's why we first had to go through chastenings. What did they look like? Winter had come without any snow or rain.

And in spring too, the heavens remained closed as if with iron gates. The trees and bushes were already showing signs of being harmed by the drought. And when it was finally time to cut all the grass for hay, it

poured for hours.

God was speaking to us personally, and His words went down deep into our hearts. Our little land of Canaan was supposed to glorify the Lord with its beauty at the festival. And now, to make us spiritually alive and to lead each one of us back to the first love through repentance, the Father in love had to lead us through such chastenings.

During this time, Mother Basilea gave us some good advice, which we would like to preserve for our whole life. She wrote down four watchwords for us about how to behave during times of divine judgment. First, my declaration in the sight of heaven, earth, and hell.

Yea, Lord Almighty God, true and just are your judgments. Revelation 16, verse 7. Second, my commitment. I want to humble myself under the mighty hand of God that in due time He may exalt me.

1 Peter 5, verse 6. Third, my expectation. He humbles and tests us to do us good in the end. Deuteronomy 8, verse 16b.

And fourth, my faith. When everything looks hopeless and is buried in the grave, the resurrection will follow. Now hold out until God's time comes when He will speak His Amen.

After we accepted all the chastenings in the spirit of these four watchwords, the grace of God became more precious to us than ever before, and the exultation rang throughout our Love to Jesus festival. If the Lord is leading you through a period of chastening, apply these watchwords to your situation, and you too will experience that with God, suffering is never the end. He always turns suffering into joy.

Father, I thank you in midst of my pain, for you turn suffering and grief into pain. It is in love that you discipline me, goodness and blessing the ending will be. If you have access to the web, please contact this radio station for our postal address.

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