

The God of All Comfort, Who Comforts Us in All Our Tribulation

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Octavius Winslow emphasizes that God provides profound comfort to believers amidst their tribulations, akin to a mother's love for her child.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:3

Topics: "God's Compassion", "Comfort in Suffering"

Description

Octavius Winslow emphasizes that God's family often experiences sorrow and tribulation, as believers are called to endure afflictions as part of their high calling. He illustrates that while suffering is a common experience for the faithful, God's comfort is abundant and surpasses their trials, akin to a mother's tender love for her child. Winslow encourages believers to bring their sorrows to God, who meets them in their grief with compassion and understanding. He reassures that through their struggles, they can find solace in a personal relationship with God, who promises to comfort them as a mother would. Ultimately, he calls for a heartfelt commitment to God, assuring that His comfort will guide them through life's uncertainties.

Transcript

The God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation. 2 Cor. 1:3- 4.

GOD'S family is a sorrowing family, "I have chosen you," He says, "in the furnace of affliction." "I will leave in the midst of you a poor and an afflicted people." The history of the Church finds its fittest emblem in the burning yet unconsumed bush which Moses saw. Man is "born to sorrows;" but the believer is "appointed thereunto." It would seem to be a condition inseparable from his high calling. If he is a "chosen vessel," it is, as we have just seen, "in the furnace of affliction." If he is an adopted child, "chastening" is the mark. If he is journeying to the heavenly kingdom, his path lies through "much tribulation." If he is a follower of Jesus, it is to "go unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach." But, if his sufferings abound, much more so do his consolations. To be comforted by God may well reconcile us to any sorrow with which it may please our heavenly Father to invest us.

God comforts His sorrowful ones with the characteristic love of a mother. See the tenderness with which that mother alleviates the suffering and soothes the sorrow of her mourning one. So does God comfort His mourners. Oh, there is a tenderness and a delicacy of feeling in God's comforts which distances all expression. There is no harsh reproof--no unkind upbraiding--no unveiling of the circumstances of our

calamity to the curious and unfeeling eye--no artless exposure of our case to an ungodly and censorious world; but with all the tender feeling of a mother, God, even our Father, comforts the sorrowful ones of His people. He comforts in all the varied and solitary griefs of their hearts. God meets our case in every sorrow. To Him, in prayer, we may uncover our entire hearts; to His confidence we may entrust our profoundest secrets; upon His love repose our most delicate sorrows; to His ear confess our deepest departures; before His eye spread out our greatest sins. Go, then, and breathe your sorrows into God's heart, and He will comfort you. Blessed sorrow! if in the time of your bereavement, your grief, and your solitude, you are led to Jesus, making Him your Savior, your Friend, your Counselor, and your Shield. Blessed loss! if it be compensated by a knowledge of God, if you find in Him a Father now, to whom you will transfer your ardent affections--upon whom you will repose your bleeding heart. But let your heart be true with Him. Love Him, obey Him, confide in Him, serve Him, live for Him; and in all the unknown, untrodden, unveiled future of your history, a voice shall gently whisper in your ear--"As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you."

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