

THOUGHTS FOR SERMONS

"No Need To Worry"

Romans 8:28

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: One of the things that besets most people, even Christians is worry. People worry about this and that, just about everything and anything. Of all the people in the world who need not worry, even though bad things happen, it is Christians. Christians have an assurance that nobody else on earth has and that is the fact that God is in charge of their lives. *"...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..." (Romans 8:28).*

1. ALL THINGS...

- What kind of God is it who is able to make ALL things, everything work together?
- Considering that there is overwhelming evil that is constantly at work against all people, especially Christians.
- Considering that Satan and his host is constantly at war with God.
- Yet high above it all there is GOD, in calm, complete, total control of every situation.
 - From His throne, God worketh all things after the counsel of His own will. (Ephesians 1:11)
- Christian! Stand in awe before the One who loves you.
 - Bow in adoration before the One who has your best interest at heart.
 - Lift up praises unto Him who bring the greatest good out of the worst circumstances.

2. All things WORK...

- When God created the world and all it's inhabitants, He designed purpose for every living thing.
- Nothing on this earth that God created stands idle, everything is doing what God created it to do.
- All things are working toward the grand end of God's plans and pleasure.
- All things are moving at God's instructions.

3. All things work TOGETHER...

- All that God has created are in perfect harmony and nothing can change that unity except the One who started it all and that is God.
- Things seldom come alone:
 - Clouds, not one, but several.
 - Storms, more than one happens.
 - Sorrows come more than one at a time - consider Job and his sorrows.

4. All things work together FOR GOOD...

- No matter what may be the number nor how overwhelming the circumstances and difficulties, the Christian can rest in the assurance that God is going to work things out for the Christian's best spiritual interest.

Because all things are under the absolute control of almighty God.
- Because God desires His children's good and nothing but their good.
- Because even Satan, himself, cannot touch a hair on the head of God's children without God's permission, but then ONLY for the good of His children.

- Nothing enters the life of the Christian by blind chance or accident.
 - Everything is moved by God with His purpose for that Christian's life.
- All suffering, sorrow and loss are used by God to minister to the benefit of His children.

5 All things work together for good TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD...

- One of the distinguishing features between a Christian and a non-Christian is his/her love for God.
 - Creeds may differ in minor details, gifts and graces may be different, yet there is that one essential unity - belief in Jesus Christ - love for God the Father for who He is, for His holiness, wisdom, faithfulness, His love for every one who has believed in His Son.
 - Christians love God because He first loved them.
- How much do YOU love God?
 - Do you grieve because you don't love God as you think you should?

6. All things work together for good to them that love God, WHO ARE CALLED...

- Has God's call reached YOU?
 - Has the Holy Spirit called you?
 - Have you heard the knock at your heart's door?
- The greatest moment in a person's life is when he/she answers God's call and is born into God's Family.
- If YOU have been called by God, then YOUR deepest desire should be on how to please and glorify HIM.

7. All things work together for good to them that love God, who are called ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

- God's call is not to those who have earned God's favor, but according to His purpose.
 - *"...Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and graces, which was given in Christ Jesus before the world began..." (2 Timothy 1:9)*
- God has a purpose for every single Christian, therefore the events in a Christian's life are guided by God's overall purpose for that person.
 - How many older Christians can look back over their lives and see how the hand of God was working and directing their lives?

CONCLUSION:

1. Sooner or later every Christian is going to face hard and difficult times but he/she has the assurance that God knows all about everything in his/her life and will work out His purpose in His time and in His way.
2. Christian, "All things will work together for YOUR good!"
3. One day, Christian, all difficulties will be over and you will enter the Kingdom of God and you will no longer "see through a glass darkly" but will be in the sun of God's presence and will look back on your earthly life and see indeed that all things did work together for your personal and eternal good.