



WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR PAIN

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**WARNING!!! WHAT
YOU'RE ABOUT TO READ
MAY GIVE YOU AN
INSTANT TESTIMONY**

JUST BEFORE WE BEGIN...

Have you ever stopped to wonder why God permits pain? Why did God cast the devil to this earth? I know the devil rebelled, but couldn't God have casted him to an empty planet? Didn't He know that the devil will cause pain and suffering for His creation?

Why did God allow Jesus to go through pain? He received several stripes on his body, carried the cross in that pain, and still had to endure the pain of the piercing through his hands and feet for hours before he finally died on the cross. God is all powerful, couldn't He have found another way to save the world from Satan?

Does the world really need saving from Satan? Do we really believe that God didn't know that Satan will rebel against Him? Don't

you think that God factored his rebellion and relocation to earth into his creative agenda? Don't you think that God knew that Satan will cause pain for His creation when he gets to the earth?

The real question is, why did God factor pain into creation? Oh, scriptures are beginning to roll up in your head, right? Me too... So now let's begin the book.

1 Peter 1:7

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

So here we see that just as gold is refined through fire, faith is perfected through fiery challenges. Until your faith is perfected, you can't walk in the fullness of Christ. And your faith cannot be perfected except it goes through challenges or trials.

This is quite relative in the way parents handle their children. A child whose parent can't stand being disciplined will go wayward.

If you can't watch your child go through pain, he'd grow to become a pain in your neck. And this is peculiar among wealthy parents. They give their children everything they ask for on a platter, and when they can no longer supply their needs, these children resolve to robbery or fraudulent activities - all because they were never allowed to go through pain.

It's perfectly okay for your child to cry for his ignorance - once a while. The tears will produce a lesson that will shape his character. If you don't let them cry for their ignorance, they'd never become useful for you when they grow.

So yes, that's why God put a system of pain in this world, and it's just unfortunate that the one who plays the leading role for pain is the devil. And the reason why it's unfortunate is that the devil hates both God and His

creation. This should tell you how much he so wants to inflict us with pain.

The amazing thing is, till now, Satan doesn't know that his oppression is part of God's plan. It's why you see scriptures like, "All things work together for good to them that love God".

As long as you love God, your faith in God is enlivened, and anywhere Satan senses faith in God, he introduces pain and temptations just so you can denounce what you believe - which in turn will make your love wax cold. It's getting clearer, right?

Ephesians 6:16 will now make sense to you. It says, ***"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked"***. In simpler terms, "if you don't quench the devil's fire by your faith, his fire will quench your faith". Which would you rather happen?

LET'S READ A FEW MORE SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 4:

1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Sometimes I wonder if Satan didn't meditate on this scripture. Shouldn't you be suspicious if someone is deliberately led to you to be tempted? 1 Corinthians 2:8 says, "Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory". So of course, he didn't know. He'd never know, and that's because he has no business reasoning. The bible already tells us that his mission is to steal, kill and destroy anything that was

created by God. No reasoning, as long as you carry the God tag, you'd be tried by him.

On the other hand, that scripture says The Holy Spirit drove Jesus to be tempted by the devil. How would you feel if someone told you that God drove you into that situation you're currently going through?

Before you answer that, I need to clear the air. There are categories of temptations or trials as mentioned in the bible:

1. Temptation by one's lust:

This is the kind of trial that is self-inflicted. You bring this upon yourself through lust. The devil cannot tempt you if you deal with lust. And it's easier to deal with lust than temptation.

1 John 2:16 clearly says, ***"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world"***. If you can't control the lust of your flesh and your eyes, it will be impossible to keep the devil away.

Lust is the devil's instrument. Although he's not omnipresent, but he uses lust as a tracker to track down his victims. The moment you begin to lust after things, he'd find you.

James 1:13-14 says, ***"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death"***. David gave attention to his lust and he was tempted - which eventually led him to sin. And just because he couldn't overcome this

temptation, he didn't qualify to build God a house.

You may not like this, but if you can't deal with lust, Satan will come to tempt you, and if you can't deal with his temptation, you'd fall into sin, and if you sin, you won't graduate into a place of greater honour.

Notice I didn't make the devil the subject of this temptation, and that's because even though he's the tempter, he only comes to tempt when he finds lust in you.

The second category of temptation I'd mention is:

2. Spiritual temptation:

Let's quickly read three verses of the Bible that contradicts themselves:

Matthew 4:1

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Matthew 6:13

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Genesis 22:1

And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

If we examine those 3 verses, we'd discover that Jesus was tempted by the Holy Spirit, and Abraham was tempted by God. If God tempted these two people, why then would

Jesus teach us to pray against being led into temptation?

The answer is in James chapter 1. Let's read a few verses:

James 1:

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

These 4 verses talk about two categories of temptation: the first is TRIAL, a temptation by God Himself. And the second is of the devil, which is often attracted by our lust.

Spiritual temptation is often a test or trial of our faith in God. It's a test of love and faith in God. It's a test of obedience to His will. If Jesus asked us to pray so that God will not lead us into temptation, He wasn't talking about this kind of temptation, He meant the temptation that is birthed by our lust.

God tempts or tries you to prove or develop your love. Will you forgive? Will you show love in return for wickedness? Will you give your only son for Him? These are trials. You must pass them to receive a crown in this life as that scripture puts it.

God tried or tested Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his only son. This was a great trial for Abraham, because at that time, he waited for decades before he got that child. Amazingly, he passed the test, and immediately received a crown of blessing.

Jonah's compassion was put to test by God. I perceive God wanted to know if Jonah had a forgiving spirit and that's why He sent him to Nineveh. Unfortunately, Jonah failed his test by disobeying God the first time. This was also a great trial for Jonah because the people of Nineveh had really sinned against God and Jonah believed that they should be punished. He knew that God will have mercy on them, and that's why he disobeyed the first time.

Moses would have been a flawless prophet except that he couldn't deal with his anger issues. His anger made him curse the children of Israel, and that eventually prevented him from entering the promised land with the people of Israel. What a loss!!! After all his suffering in the wilderness, he didn't enter the promised land.

On the other hand, Satan tempts you with evil. He'd tempt you with stealing. He'd tempt you to lie. He'd tempt you to fornicate or commit adultery. God won't try you with evil. God does not tempt you to steal or lie. God will never tempt you to lie.

You go through spiritual temptation, but resist carnal temptation. Both of them require the right reaction to advance.

WHY DOES GOD TRY OR TEMPT US?

I know I've mentioned this briefly, God tests us to see if He can entrust us with more responsibilities, but beyond that, God sends trial to us to develop our heart.

It's easy to engage in a fast when you've not acquired wealth, but would you still fast when you attain wealth? If you wake up one morning and God tells you not to eat till 6pm, would you still obey? You could command a banquet to be arranged in minutes or even travel to another country just to have breakfast and return, yet God says you should fast. Would you?

Don't even answer that. It's easier said than done. But the truth is, many would not. Many would even deliberately stop listening to God the moment they attain wealth.

Have you ever wondered what God does for a living. Let me show you:

Job 7:

***17 What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him?
and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?***

***18 And that thou shouldest visit him every
morning, and try him every moment?***

So verse 18 unveils it, He tries man every moment. If you've ever traded stock, you'd discover that any lost moment may never be recovered, and that's why people who engage

in it are always glued to their work. They check what to sell or what to buy every moment.

They check which stock is big enough to reinvest and which is losing value to sell. He has to do this every moment so that his entire business doesn't crash unaware.

People tend to believe that God has been resting since the seventh day of creation, unfortunately, that's not true. God has been trying the hearts of man.

Any man whose heart has become perfect, He'd either reposition him for a greater assignment or take him out of this world. Till today, we don't have a record of where God

kept Enoch. We were only told that Enoch walked with God and he was not.

His heart was so developed that God had to take him away from this world before it gets corrupt. If you doubt me, check out Moses. Moses was the meekest, but anger corrupted his track record.

Beyond saving the people of Israel, God wanted a deliverer whose heart was totally yielded to God. Unfortunately, Moses still had emotional attachments.

God is a heart trader; He puts us in the midst of situations to train our heart. If you had an opportunity to inflate the invoice that was sent to your company, would you?

If Moses knew that the whole agenda was to build his heart, he would have worked on his emotion.

Many Christians are far from harvest because their heart is far from God. Yet they pray for big positions. Big positions are exclusive reserves for those who God has approved their heart.

If God checks your heart, can He confirm that you won't steal, you won't kill, you won't manipulate, you won't fornicate, you won't lie, you won't deceive. Did you hear His testimonies about Abraham and Job?

ABRAHAM

Genesis 18:

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Just look at this. Two major statements that constantly move me:

1. Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation.

This statement came after Abraham had passed several heart tests. God knew that

Abraham will surely become great because his heart was ready.

2. For I know him, that he will mentor his children and household.

So God had tested him in this area too. A man who was ready to sacrifice his son for God would definitely mentor that son in the way of the Lord.

JOB

Job 1:

8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Did God really say Job was perfect? Wow! God so checked His heart and confirmed that

there was none like him on the earth. He feared God, hated evil, and lived a righteous life.

This man was eyes to the blind, ears to the deaf, and the challenges of the those who had no help came upon him.

"Hold on Anslem, why does God have to try us to know the position of our heart for Him?"

I thought that was obvious already. Although God can create all things, but the one thing He has refrained from creating is Perfected Will.

Dr. Isaiah Wealth taught a very powerful message on God's Will. I think I should share a few things I learnt from that message here.

THERE ARE 4 TYPES OF WILL

- *Creator's Will:*

The mystery of God's Will is the superiority of His wisdom in not always resisting evil but allowing it to work for good.

Romans 8:28 says, ***"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"***. So even when the devil is working against God's agenda, it's still for God's good.

The Creator's Will is the decision that is always right. God cannot be measured right or wrong, He's the Creator. Therefore, His decisions are always right. God cannot be wrong, the day He becomes wrong, the universe will explode.

- Free Will

In Free Will, you have authority to make choices, good or evil. This is what God has given to man.

The problem we are facing in this world today is not because God is out of control but because FREE WILL is being tested in a confine of space called "Time". God restricted free will within a confined space called "Time". Time does not exist in any other dimension, and there are multiple dimensions

beyond time. For instance, there is no time in the spirit.

So this becomes clear that time is a restriction to man. And the reason why God restricted us in this dimension of time is to develop "Perfected Will".

- *Subjected Will*

This is the choice made by a being to only serve God. You only have one option, and that's to serve God. This is where you'd find angels.

If you violate in Subjected Will, you'd be instantly judged. This is why Satan was instantly judged and casted down to earth.

Living by a Subjected Will doesn't necessarily mean you don't have a mind of your own. But unlike Free Will, it means you can only live based on the rules of your Creator. Anything outside this is punishment. Now you see why the angels that rebelled against God were casted into eternal darkness with chains.

Angels are invincible beings, and the only way their power can be tamed is to subject their will. If the angels could do as occasion permits, the world would be in chaos.

- *Perfected Will*

This is the will that aligns with the Creator's Will at all times by choice.

Let me ask you a question, how many times have you made a choice and it was exactly what God wanted you to do?

The essence of this time dimension is to develop man to have perfected will, and that's because God cannot create perfected will. If God creates perfected will, then it will be a Subjected Will.

Perfected will is a free will that its choices are always in alignment with the Creator's Will.

God wants to create a specie of gods who can handle all that He has. And if this must be accomplished, He has to permit pain. So your family, your job, your business, your children, your wife, and everything else you have are all to help you develop Perfected Will. Would you still serve God if your child falls sick? Would you still go to church if you lost your

job? Would you still be zealous about God if you lost a business deal?

Let me show you a few scriptures that clearly states that there's a world to come and there's a possibility that many who live in this current world would also feature in that world.

Matthew 12:32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

Mark 10:29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, 30 But he shall receive an hundredfold

now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Hebrews 2:5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this will we do, if God permit. 4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

So clearly from those scriptures, we'd see that there's a world to come, and only those who have been able to master the art of perfection will feature in that world.

The pain that we see in various parts of our lives isn't because God is out of control, but because pain is a factor to create perfected will. Perfected will cannot be created except through the exercise of choice forged through pain.

Have you ever done something you regret and vowed that you'd never make the same mistake again? That's what pain does, it helps you make the perfect choices. This is why most rich men's children are useless, they feel their children should not go through pain

because they are successful. You cannot claim to be a man if you cannot watch your children go through pain.

If your child has become wayward and never makes a good choice, chances are that he never passed through pain. You spared the rod on his wrong choice while he was growing. You kept thinking he was a child until he became an adult. He never learnt what it meant to suffer the consequences of making wrong choices.

This time dimension is a training ground. We are gods, but a god that lacks training will be wayward. Saul lacked training, that's why he goofed as a king.

Outside the realm of time, every other realm operates with subjected will. If the devil had Free Will, then He couldn't have been judged without death. He was deliberately put in a position where his subjected will would be tried. So don't look at God as though He's having a hard time dealing with the devil, the devil has been part of His plan all along.

Also, don't let the devil deceive you any further, now that you know this, arise from your slumber, arm yourself with the word of God and be free from his deceptions.

Without the devil's fall, there would be no source of pain in this world. Adam fell because he had free will without pain. But see Jesus, he was born in a manger. Hebrews 5:7

tells us that Jesus was made perfect through the things he suffered.

The earth is a realm of pain, it's the only realm where pain exists. Once time is over, pain will also cease. Let's see how Revelation chapter 21 puts it:

Revelation 21:

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

So we see a world coming where God will completely eradicate pain. There'd be no death, no sorrow, no crying, no form of pain. The former experiences will pass away and a new order of earth will be created. These verses also insinuate that God acknowledges the position of pain in this current world.

I heard that the United Nations wants to eradicate pain. That's honestly not possible as long as this earth remains, that's something only God can do. Moreover, pain is a necessary factor for development.

For instance, if there is no hunger, there'd be no need for food, there'd be no need for jobs, there'd be no need for anything. Because the real motivator for what we do is hunger. Nobody wants to be hungry.

The new world will be as though heaven came down, nothing needs to be done by man. It would come in its perfected form. No road constructions or maintenance, there's most likely not going to be transportation. Because if you're in the part of the world where I live, then you'd know that we go through pain just to transport ourselves from one location to another. So chances are that we'd have teleportation ability in the new world. I honestly hope that we have that. I'm tired of Lagos traffic.

Now that you know what to do with your pain, I think we're done with this book. Or, what else were you expecting?

I TRUST YOU'VE BEEN BLESSED BY THIS E-BOOK. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME IF YOU NEED ANY FORM OF COUNSEL. AND YES, I LOOK FORWARD TO READING YOUR TESTIMONIES.
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