

## WHY SHOULD GOD REMOVE YOUR AFFLICTIONS?

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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Promise # 4

### I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. What do you do when you are hit hard by affliction?
- B. Consider the words by Jesus Christ to the Apostle Paul:

*“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”*

### II. EXPOSITION:

- A. Historical Context: Chapters 11-13:
- B. Paul's Prayer:
  - 1. What is the nature of Paul's Affliction?
  - 2. Why would Paul be given a thorn of affliction?
- C. Jesus' Reply:
  - 1. What does Jesus mean when he states, "My grace is sufficient for you..."
- D. Paul's Response:

### III. HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?

- A. Afflictions...
  - 1. Reminds us of our frailties;
  - 2. Expose what is hidden;
  - 3. Shape us into the representatives God wants us to be;
  - 4. Remind us that we are vaporous (e.g., Psalm 90; Ecclesiastes);
  - 5. Give us opportunities to represent Christ in ways that were not opened to us before.
- B. When we attempt to explore why we have these afflictions, let us not forget to ask this question, **“Why do we not have more?”**

**IV. ADDITIONAL NOTES:**