

SUFFERING=ANOINTING

2Cor. 12:1f

Chapter 11:23f...Paul's suffering

v.30...glory in my infirmities

Chapter 12:1f...Paul's visions

The thorn in the flesh...The reason for the thorn in the flesh

v. 9...I will glory in my infirmities that the **power of Christ** may rest upon me.

I will glory in my trials so that the **anointing** remains upon me.

Anointing: His **presence and imparted strength** are more than a compensation for all the trials that I endure.

Power: *anointing...*"inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth"... the power of Christ invisibly present and operative in the Christian church formally assembled...by the power and influence of the Holy Spirit

*Remains upon me...*to pitch a tent...to abide with...to dwell in

Principles:

The things I suffer will either make me bitter or better.

Although that is **my** decision...I need the input of someone who has suffered before me to give me the perspective I need.

The things I suffer can give me power (anointing)...HOW?? They make me more useful to God I won't appreciate God as Deliverer if I am never in a bind.

I won't know God as a Healer if I am never sick.

I won't know God as merciful if I never mess up.

I will never know God as all-knowing Guide if I never trust Him with my life.

I will never know God as holy if He never disciplines me.

Elohim (God)

Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah)

El Elyon (The Most High God)

Adonai (Lord, Master)

El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty)

El Olam (The Everlasting God)

Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)

Jehovah Rapha (The Lord Who Heals You)

Jehovah Nissi (The Lord Is My Banner)

El Qanna (Jealous God)

Jehovah Qadash (The Lord Who Sanctifies You)

Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)

Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts)

Jehovah Raah (The Lord Is My Shepherd)

Jehovah tsēdaqah (The Lord Our Righteousness)

Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There)

The more I suffer, the bigger my "Treasure Box"

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