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MOMENTUM SUFFERING

Momentum testing is the suffering of the advancing believer after acquiring spiritual autonomy by passing a series of preventive suffering.

Note the correlation with the stages of spiritual advancement and the testing associated with each stage.

And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in **weakness**." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my **weaknesses**, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with **weaknesses**, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Note that weakness and weaknesses in this context do not refer to sins but to categories of undeserved sufferings as results of spiritual advance inside the divine sphere. It refers to a kind of testing which no unbeliever or carnal believer can handle. Spiritual autonomy gives the believer capacity to enjoy life in spite of any adversity that comes his way. The happiness of the mature believer does not depend on environment, possessions, people, or anything on this world. He appreciates the pleasant details of life and cope with the crisis and disasters because he is not enslaved to circumstances.

Bible doctrine in the souls causes the believer to love God. The increasing love toward God produces inner peace and genuine happiness that brings the believer into every situation with poise and confidence. Spiritual autonomy gives the believer capacity for life and love, which prepares him for the final approach to spiritual maturity.

Four categories of momentum testing characterize Christian suffering in the advance from spiritual autonomy to spiritual maturity:

- People Testing
- Thought Testing
- System Testing
- Disaster Testing

The spiritual autonomous Church Age believer does not fear this catalog of momentum suffering because he has previously passed a warm-up exam for each of these tests during the stage of spiritual self-esteem. At this stage, the believer should not be caught off guard by suffering since the suffering will be greater and more intense, but he has everything he needs to win.

Preventive suffering is designed to stabilize the virtue love toward God and confidence. At the time, it builds courage toward man. The momentum suffering is designed to strengthen the doctrinal conviction of the saint and to accelerate his spiritual momentum by intensified

pain and trouble. At this stage the believer will stand all-alone against the world with only God on his side.