

## God Works in the Lives of His People/Sunday, April 8, 2018

Our message this morning deals with the fact that God works in the lives of His people. We noted examples of God's work in the people of the exodus as well as both the Northern and Southern Kingdoms of Israel. The focus of our session this morning is on four aspects of God's work in His people. First, God's work can be painful. Second, God's work is ongoing. Third, God's work has a purpose. And fourth, God's work is powerful. The power that believers have today at their disposal is God's power. And God's power is the power that changes lives. God's power empowers His people to do all things that are in accordance with God's will. We are encouraged to know that this power will continue to work in us as long as we're on the face of the earth.

*The 1<sup>st</sup> deals with the fact that GOD's work can be painful at times.*

### **Hebrews 5:8**

Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

### **1 Peter 1:6**

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials

### **1 Peter 4:19**

Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

### **Philippians 1:29**

For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake

### **1 Peter 5:10**

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

*2<sup>nd</sup>, God's work is ongoing.*

### **Psalms 27:13-14**

I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living. 14 Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord

### **Genesis 25:23**

The Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb; And two peoples will be separated from your body; And one people shall be stronger than the other; And the older shall serve the younger."

### **James 5:7-8**

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. 8 You too be patient;

### **2 Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

### **Psalm 40:1-3**

I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me and heard my cry. 2 He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; Many will see and fear and will trust in the Lord.

*3<sup>rd</sup>, God's work has a purpose*

### **Hebrews 8:10**

FOR this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says THE LORD: I WILL put my laws into their minds, AND I WILL write them on their hearts. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND they shall be my people.

### **Philippians 1:6**

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

*4<sup>th</sup>, God's work is powerful.*

### **Exodus 16:4**

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction.

### **Leviticus 26:4**

then I shall give you rains in their season, so that the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit.