

Healing II “Paul’s Thorn”

Mark 7:5-13 (KJV)

1. vs. 7 Teaching for doctrines the commandments of men
2. vs. 8 Lay aside God’s Word and hold onto traditions
3. vs. 9 Reject Scripture and exalt tradition
4. vs. 13 Making God’s Word of none effect

TRADITIONS – They can be good if they facilitate God’s purpose or will.

– They are secondary to Scripture.

“Tradition is a good servant to Scripture, but a terrible master.”

[Paul’s Thorn and Others]

II Corinthians 12:5-12 (KJV) Paul’s Thorn

A. vs. 5 Paul will glory in his infirmities

B. His thorn??

1. “Messenger of Satan” (NOT God)
2. “Buffet” – GK = to rap with the fist
= to beat repeatedly

Ex: waves on the beach

3. “Lest he should be exalted above measure through the abundance of revelations”

* Revelation knowledge doesn’t produce pride (carnal knowledge does)

* Revelation brings promotion

(James 4 / I Peter 5)

- It was Satan that didn’t want him exalted

4. Paul sought God three times (grace was sufficient)

5. Paul listed all his infirmities

Paul’s thorn was persecution and tribulations and afflictions that were a constant demonic assault on his mission (purpose).

He suffered greatly for the Gospel’s sake.

[The purpose of the thorn in his life was to limit his influence and impact.

While people saw great power, they also saw great persecutions.]

INFIRMITIES – Greek = “can mean sickness”

= weakness

= impotent or strengthless

Grace fills our human weaknesses

II Corinthians 11:21-30 (KJV) Paul’s infirmities

II Corinthians 6:4-10 (KJV)

[Thorn in the flesh]

Numbers 33:55 (KJV)

Joshua 23:13 (KJV)

Judges 2:3 (KJV)

Ex. "pain in the neck"

Acts 14:22 (ref)

II Timothy 3:12 (ref)

John 16:33 (ref)