

# Christ Apostolic Miracle Ministry Sunday School

Week 13: March 30th, 2024

Topic: The affliction of the righteous – Part 5

Bible Reading: Psalm 34:15-20

## Affliction is to improve and perfect you

The purpose of affliction is to develop your mental capacity through your challenges. Your experiences through your affliction will make you achieve a better relationship with Your Creator. Affliction usually strengthens humans, and gives them the needed boldness to confront the future. It is important to note that if you do not deny God, or betray His covenant during your affliction; then your life will be upgraded. God will boost your confidence to overcome your challenges, if you endure your difficulties without complaints.

Humans need to realize that affliction will make them have the required qualities that pleases God. Affliction and temptation are the ways to prove your loyalty to your Maker. So, you need to admit that affliction is capable of making you possess the characteristics of a born-again Christian, and bring you closer to God through your supplications. Therefore, the aim of affliction is to make you correct your faults, and be blameless before Almighty God.

During affliction, numerous people usually think that God has ‘washed His hands off them’; however, this is not true; because the Lord is only testing them in the spiritual furnace of suffering. God always purifies mankind not by fire as silver is made pure, but by giving them troubles and affliction. It is a common occurrence for God to test the Believers in hard times just as silver is refined in a heated furnace. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, “Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.” **Isaiah 48:10**. Though the Lord may give you troubles, and make you go through hard times; however, He will teach you how to escape your misery, and you will be rescued.

## The righteous will not be afflicted, if

If Jesus Christ is not afflicted, then no Believer will be afflicted; had it been the Redeemer is not afflicted then all Christians will live an affliction-free lives. However, our Lord Jesus Christ was oppressed and treated harshly during His time on earth. Christ was mistreated and afflicted; however, He did not complain during His ordeal. Jesus endured great pain because of humanity; so, if the Messiah was afflicted, do you think the Beloved will not be afflicted? Don't you think that if Christ suffered His followers who are the Christians should also suffer?

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For this reason, do not use foolishness to query God during your affliction. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.” **Isaiah 53:7**. You need to imitate Jesus Christ by not complaining, or querying God during your affliction.

### **Many are the afflictions of the righteous**

Anyone who is righteous will have not one but many problems. Many hardships and perplexing circumstances will confront the righteous during their lifetime; but the Lord will rescue them from all the adversities. You need to realize that God will only deliver you from many evils that are confronting you, if and only if you are righteous. So, people who do what is right will have many troubles; but God will solve them all. When people are suffering, it does not signify that they are bad; they may be a part of the righteous who are being afflicted.

If you are facing many troubles; it may be because of your righteousness, and God will save you from them; according to the Book of Psalms which says, “Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.” **Psalm 34:19**. The conditionality that will make God rescue you from your suffering is to be righteous. If you want to be delivered from your dangerous situation, you must be godly. Inasmuch as no human can escape troubles or distresses, you must do what is good and right before God can assist or give you aid.