

Evening Lesson

LIFE'S MOST FANTASTIC PROMISE

Rom. 8:28

INTRO:

1. "We are just the sport of the grim and inscrutable president of the universe; we are the playthings of fate and of chance."
2. There is a different view of life. **Rom. 8:28**

I. FITS INTO A PATTERN OF GOOD.

- A. No words of the Bible are more comforting than these..
- B. There are no words we would rather believe – and none we find more difficult at times to believe.
- C. We must see life from God's view.

II. I KNOW.

- A. These were favorite words for Paul. **Phil. 1:19; 2 Cor. 5:1; 2 Tim. 1:12**
- B. There is a vast difference between being in the hands of fate and being in the hands of a loving heavenly Father.

III. WHAT DOES THIS VERSE SAY?

- A. It does not say this is how God deals with all men or that everything that happens is good.
- B. It is a promise for those who love God.
- C. The general providence of God is amazingly impartial. **Psalm 73:3; Psalm 73:16, 17; Matt. 5:45**
- C. Sickness, sorrow, loss, failure, disappointment – these stresses invade the lives of good people as well as evil, but the results are different. **Matt. 7:24-27**
- E. Even painful discipline can bring good. **Heb. 12:11**
- F. Paul says "all" things. **Gal. 6:17; 2 Cor. 11:23-29; Phil. 1:12**
- G. "Together" is a very important word in this verse.
- H. Everything must be related to the end.

CONC:

1. Full comprehension of this promise must embrace not only this life, but also the life to come.
2. If we were sure that life ceased at the end of our earthly existence we would have no interest in these words.
3. While we live we must accept this promise by faith.
4. Can we accept life's happenings by faith?
5. Does my faith have the muscle to accept God's ability to take that distasteful occurrence and fit it into a plan for my good?