

Thou Hast Enlarged Me
(Psalm 4: 1)

If God gave us the power to script all the events that occur in our life, it's very unlikely that any one of us would design for our lives to have trials, pain, sorrow, fears, or any kind of burden. Most people desire to have a life that is filled with comfort and peace, devoid of anything that would cause distress. Yet we find that life on this side of eternity is accompanied with a variety of trials and struggles, and as the Book of Job states "full of trouble ". External conflicts are often the source of the internal struggles that we wrestle with. During these seasons of distress, we long for relief, and sometimes wonder what is the Lord's purpose in it all. The scriptures remind us that all things work together for good to them that love God and that are called according to His purpose. One of the things that work for our good is stated in today's text....."and in my distress thou hast enlarged me". From the day that we first trusted Christ, God began a work in us that He intends to bring to maturation; and trials are sometimes used to affect that. In the days of sailing vessels, it was said that no captain of a ship ever became a good captain on a smooth sea. The storms that brought gale force winds accompanied with mountainous waves challenged the captain to draw from his deepest reserves to safely navigate the ship to its destination. So, God often uses the storms of life to cause us to draw from our greatest resource, which is God himself. In distress our prayers tend to be constant and accentuated with fervency. We perceive the light of God's word to shine brighter to help us navigate through the storm. The Divine Comforter, who dwells within us reassures us of His presence. These times of distress also make us more understanding of what others go through, as well as making us more appreciative of the seasons of calm in our life. Each and every event is a heavenly agent sent to enhance, enrich, and enlarge our spiritual life. The next time we are presented with a season of distress may we search for God's divine purpose in it.

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