

JULY 23, 2023

LIVING STONES

THE LION OF JUDAH

1 PETER 5:6-11

REVELATION 5:5

- 1) The only safe place from the attacks of the devil is under the protection of Jesus. (Rev. 5:5-7)
- 2) God's salvation comes through suffering.
(Rev. 5:8-10)
- 3) God's salvations secures us in our struggles.
- 4) In Christ, our suffering is temporary, but God's love and care for us is eternal.

1 Peter 5:9–10 ... "*Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*"

Questions For Lunch

- 1) How do I generally respond to suffering?

Is my response following biblical teaching? Why or why not?

- 2) Is there a source of suffering which I have more trouble facing than others?

How can I prepare to resist the devil when I suffer in this way?

Memory Verse for June-July

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

Ephesians 6:12-13

From the Resources

"The conflict may be long, but the victory is absolutely sure. Oh poor soul! do but keep near to the cross and thou art safe. Throw thine arms around the dying Saviour. Let the droppings of his blood fall on thy sins, and even if thou canst not see him, still believe him. Still say, "I know that he came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief," and I will cling to the sinner's Saviour as my only hope and trust. Then let Satan roar, he cannot hurt; let him rage, his fury is vain; he may but show his teeth, for he certainly cannot bite. "Whom resist, steadfast in the faith." .'"

- Charles Spurgeon *The Roaring Lion*