

# Our Guarantee of Glory Pt 2

## The Revealing of the sons of God

### Romans 8:18–25

#### Romans 8:18–25 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

<sup>19</sup> For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

<sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope;

<sup>21</sup> because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

<sup>23</sup> Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan

within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

<sup>24</sup> For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

## Introduction

Revelation 21:1–4 (NKJV)

**21** Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. <sup>2</sup> Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. <sup>4</sup> And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

## 2 Peter 3:10–13 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, <sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

## 1 John 2:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

# Review.

## 1. The Reality

## Romans 8:14–17 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

<sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs —heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

1. The Reality

## 2. The Resource

### Romans 8:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs —heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

1. The Reality

2. The Resource

### 3. The Relationship

Romans 8:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Paul is fond of compounds of συν [*sun*], three in this verse (συνκληρονομοι, συνπασχωμεν, συνδοξασθωμεν [*sunklēronomoi, sunpaschōmen, sundoxasthōmen*]). The last (first aorist passive subjunctive of συνδοξαζω [*sundoxazō*] with ἵνα [*hina*] (purpose), late and rare, here only in N. T.

Robertson, A. T. (1933). [\*Word Pictures in the New Testament\*](#) (Ro 8:17). Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.

1. The Reality
2. The Resource
3. The Relationship
4. The Reason

Romans 8:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

Text is not saying that we are Heirs if we suffer, i.e. conditional. or a means of becoming an heir.

Rather it assumes that if you are a son and a child of God then you will suffer because of the family you are identified with.

1. The Reality
2. The Resource
3. The Relationship
4. The Reason

## 5. The Rational

**18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are **not worthy** *to be compared* with the glory which **shall be** revealed in us.

I consider

logizomai: to reckon, to consider

**Original Word:** λογίζομαι

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** logizomai

**Phonetic Spelling:** (log-id'-zom-ahee)

**Definition:** to reckon, to consider

**Usage:** I reckon, count, charge with; reason, decide, conclude; think, suppose.

3049 logízomai (the root of the English terms "logic, logical") – properly, compute, "take into account"; reckon (come to a "bottom-line"), i.e. reason to a logical conclusion (decision).

here signifies: “I judge after calculation made.”

Godet, F. L., & Cusin, A. (1890). *Commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans* (Vol. 2, p. 87). Edinburgh: T&T Clark.

**not worthy**

**xios: of weight, of worth, worthy**

**Original Word:** ἄξιος, ἴα, ἰοῦ

**Part of Speech:** Adjective

**Transliteration:** axios

**Phonetic Spelling:** (ax'-ee-os)

**Definition:** of weight, of worth, worthy

**Usage:** worthy, worthy of, deserving, comparable, suitable.

**514 áksios (an adjective derived from aksō, "to weigh") – properly, to weigh in, assigning the**

**matching value ("worth-to-worth");** worthy, i.e. as the assessment in keeping with how something "weighs in" on God's balance-scale of truth.

514 /áksios ("weighed-in") "properly means, 'drawing down the scale' hence 'weighing as much as,' 'of like value, worth,' befitting, congruous, corresponding" (J. Thayer).

[514 (áksios) is the root of the English term, "axis." This also refers to a balance-scale, operating by off-setting weights.]

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## sufferings

**pathéma: that which befalls one, i.e. a suffering, a passion**

**Original Word:** πάθημα, ατος, τό

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Neuter

**Transliteration:** pathéma

**Phonetic Spelling:** (path'-ay-mah)

**Definition:** that which befalls one, a suffering, a passion

**Usage:** (a) suffering, affliction, (b) passion, emotion, (c) an undergoing, an enduring.



[3804 /páthēma ("strong feeling") includes affliction (suffering), which should always (ideally) result in knowing God's glory – like going through difficulties (persecution, etc.) in faith. Note the -ma suffix, emphasizing the end-result (experiencing strong feeling).]

This word is used in Romans 7:5  
Galatians 5:24  
**as passions**

Hence the Passion of Christ

2 Corinthians 1:5–7 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. <sup>6</sup> Now if we are afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation. <sup>7</sup> And our hope for you *is* steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also *you will partake* of the consolation.

Philippians 3:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Hebrews 2:9–10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

1 Peter 5:8–10 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. <sup>10</sup> But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*.

present **time**

**kairos: time, season**

**Original Word:** καιρός, οὐ, ὁ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Masculine

**Transliteration:** kairos

**Phonetic Spelling:** (kahee-ros')

**Definition:** time, season

**Usage:** fitting season, season, opportunity, occasion, time.

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## **Kinds of Suffering**

### **1. Physical Suffering**

*Body= Health*

*sickness, i.e. cancer, tumors, heart disease, Diabetes, muscular Dystrophy. Arthritis, Migraines etc.*

### **2. Mental Suffering**

*Anxiety, Phobias, Depression,  
Dementia, Alzheimers, Mental  
Disorders to Mental Retardation*

### **3. Spiritual Suffering**

**Demonic, Satanic**

**Presence of Sin.**

**Persecution for Christ.**

**Perseverance for Christ**

**18** For I consider that **the sufferings  
of this present time** are not worthy  
*to be compared* with the glory which  
shall be revealed in us.

**What is clear is that this future glory is  
specifically tied to the suffering we  
experience Here.**

## **Romans 8:17–18 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

**Our ability to experience and express glory is dependent upon the extent and the the reaction we have to the suffering in this world**

After Job’s first rebuke by God to questions his purposes

## **Job 40:3–5 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> Then Job answered the Lord and said:

<sup>4</sup> “Behold, I am vile;  
What shall I answer You?  
I lay my hand over my mouth.

<sup>5</sup> Once I have spoken, but I will not answer;  
Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further.”

## After Second Rebuke

### **Job 42:1–6 (NKJV)**

**42** Then Job answered the Lord and said:

- 2 “I know that You can do everything,  
And that no purpose *of Yours* can be withheld  
from You.
- 3 *You asked*, ‘Who *is* this who hides counsel  
without knowledge?’  
Therefore I have uttered what I did not  
understand,  
Things too wonderful for me, which I did not  
know.
- 4 Listen, please, and let me speak;  
*You said*, ‘I will question you, and you shall  
answer Me.’
- 5 “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear,  
But now my eye sees You.
- 6 Therefore I abhor *myself*,  
And repent in dust and ashes.”

## **Paul**

### **2 Corinthians 12:9–10 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## **2 Corinthians 4:16–18 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, <sup>18</sup> while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

## **Hebrews 11:24–26 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, <sup>25</sup> choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, <sup>26</sup> esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches

than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

### **Hebrews 11:32–12:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also *of* David and Samuel and the prophets: <sup>33</sup> who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead raised to life again.

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in* dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>39</sup> And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, <sup>40</sup> God



having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

**12** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

## The Revealing

**18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

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What is this glory that Paul is talking about.

Paul refers to this often

Romans 8:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

Romans 8:21 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Romans 8:30 (NKJV)

<sup>30</sup> Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

## What is Glory

**δόξα** *doxa* glory

**glory (state)** n. — a state of high honor.

**(116x)**

Matt 6:13; 16:27; 19:28; 24:30; 25:31; Mark 8:38; 13:26; Luke 2:9, 14; 9:26, 32; 17:18; 19:38; 21:27; John 1:14; 2:11; 5:41, 44; 11:4, 40 ...

**כְּבוֹד** *kā·bôd* heaviness, burden; riches; reputation, importance; glory, splendor; distinction, honor; testimonial (96x)

Gen 49:6; Exod 28:2, 40; Num 14:22; Josh 7:19; 1 Sam 6:5; 1 Kings 3:13; 1 Chron 16:28–29; Neh 9:5; Esther 1:4; 5:11; Job 19:9; 29:20; Ps 3:3; 4:2; 7:5; 8:5; 19:1; 21:5; 24:7–10 ...

**צְבִי** *ṣēbî* 1 ornament, splendor; glory, magnificence (6x)

2 Sam 1:19; Isa 24:16; Ezek 20:6, 15; 25:9; 26:20

**יְקָר** *yēqār* dignity, honor; glory (Aramaic) (6x)

Dan 2:37; 4:30, 36; 5:18, 20; 7:14

**הוֹד** *hōd* 1 weight, power, splendor, majesty (3x)

Ps 8:1; Prov 5:9; Zech 6:13

**תִּפְאָרַת** *tīp·'ē·rēt* beauty, ornament; glory, splendor, radiance; fame, honor; pride (1x)

Ps 71:8

**נִצַּח** *nē'·ṣāḥ* 1 splendor, glory; duration (1x)

1 Chron 29:11

**הַדָּרָה** *hădā·rā(h)* ornament (1x) or honor

Prov 14:28

**Most of time we think of Glory in relation to God,**

**Romans 1:23 (NKJV)**

<sup>23</sup> and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

**Romans 3:23 (NKJV)**

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Romans 9:22–23 (NKJV)**

<sup>22</sup> What if God, wanting to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, <sup>23</sup> and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,

**Romans 11:36 (NKJV)**

<sup>36</sup> For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

**Romans 16:27 (NKJV)**

<sup>27</sup> to God, alone wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

**1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)**

<sup>31</sup> Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

**Revelation 4:11 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, O Lord,  
To receive glory and honor and power;  
For You created all things,  
And by Your will they exist and were created.”

**Revelation 5:12–13 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
To receive power and riches and wisdom,  
And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

“Blessing and honor and glory and power  
*Be* to Him who sits on the throne,  
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

**1 Chronicles 16:28–29 (NKJV)**

- 28 Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
Give to the Lord glory and strength.
- 29 Give to the Lord the glory *due* His name;  
Bring an offering, and come before Him.  
Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

### **Psalm 8:4–6 (NKJV)**

- 4 What is man that You are mindful of him,  
And the son of man that You visit him?
- 5 For You have made him a little lower than the  
angels,  
And You have crowned him with glory and honor.
- 6 You have made him to have dominion over the  
works of Your hands;  
You have put all *things* under his feet,  
The Glory of God is righty due to Him, and He is  
jealous for his glory.

### **Psalm 115:1 (NKJV)**

- 1 Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,  
But to Your name give glory,  
Because of Your mercy,  
Because of Your truth.

We all know that all Glory is due to his Name. He alone is worthy.

The Reformers understood this when they proclaimed in the 5 solas

1. *Sola scriptura*: “Scripture alone”
2. *Sola fide*: “faith alone”
3. *Sola gratia*: “grace alone”
4. *Solo Christo*: “Christ alone”
5. *Soli Deo gloria*: “to the glory of God alone”

so if this is the case, and scripture does support this,

Then what does it means for us to be glorified  
or as Romans 8:18 says

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<sup>21</sup> because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

**in eis: to or into (indicating the point reached or entered, of place, time, fig. purpose, result)**

**Original Word:** εἰς

**Part of Speech:** Preposition

**Transliteration:** eis

**Phonetic Spelling:** (ice)

**Definition:** to or into (indicating the point reached or entered, of place, time, purpose, result)

**Usage:** into, in, unto, to, upon, towards, for, among.

1519 eis (a preposition) – properly, into (unto) – literally, "motion into which" implying penetration ("unto," "union") to a particular purpose or result

εἰς (cf. 1 Pet. 1:3–4). NEB sees it as meaning “for us”, NASB as “to us”; cf. Godet, “at once *for us* and *in us*”.

He might have written ἐν ἡμῖν, *in us*; but this expression would have been insufficient. For the glory will not consist only in *our* own transformation,



but also in the coming of the Lord Himself, and the transformation of the universe. Thus it will be displayed at once *for us* and *in us*; this is expressed by the εἰς ἡμᾶς

Godet, F. L., & Cusin, A. (1890). [\*Commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans\*](#) (Vol. 2, p. 87). Edinburgh: T&T Clark.

## To understand this, we need to consider 2 things

1. Context
2. Comparison

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- 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.
- 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

- 21** because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
- 23** Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.
- 24** For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?
- 25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

Without expressly saying it, Paul is referring to the end of all all things, the Coming of Christ.

## 1. Context

## 2. Comparison

Suffering in this sinful state is compared to the glory coming

**18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Corruption is compared to liberty = freedom

from the bondage of corruption

**21** because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

So to some up what Paul has in mind is a time when This sin cursed earth and our sin cursed bodies will be liberated and made new.

The Glory is not our glory because of who we are but rather there glory of God that is shown to us and in us for HIM.

We are created for God's Glory,

We are saved for God's Glory

We are glorified for God's Glory.

The future fulfillment of all things in Christ at His coming will bring all Glory to Him.

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19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits **for the revealing** of the sons of God.

Λογίζομαι γαρ οτι ουκ αξια τα παθηματα του νυν καιρου προς την **μελλουσαν** δοξαν αποκαλυφθηναι εις ημας

**μελλουσαν** Pres Act Participle

**melló: to be about to**

**Original Word:** μέλλω

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** melló

**Phonetic Spelling:** (mel'-lo)

**Definition:** to be about to

**Usage:** I intend, am about to; I delay, linger.

3195 méllō – properly, at the very point of acting; ready, "about to happen." 3195 (méllō) is used "in general of what is sure to happen" (J. Thayer).

glory which **shall be revealed**

**Aorist Passive Infin**

## apokaluptó: to uncover, reveal

**Original Word:** ἀποκαλύπτω

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** apokaluptó

**Phonetic Spelling:** (ap-ok-al-oop'-to)

**Definition:** to uncover, reveal

**Usage:** I uncover, bring to light, reveal.

601 apokalýptō (from 575 /apó, "away from" and 2572 /kalýptō, "to cover") – properly, uncover, revealing what is hidden (veiled, obstructed), especially its inner make-up; (figuratively) to make plain (manifest), particularly what is immaterial (invisible).

This *glory* is to be revealed; it is therefore already; and indeed it exists not only in the plan of God decreeing it to us, but also in the person of Christ glorified,

Godet, F. L., & Cusin, A. (1890). [Commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans](#) (Vol. 2, p. 87). Edinburgh: T&T Clark.

**19** For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

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The Greek term which we have translated by the word **expectation**, is one of those admirable words which the Greek language easily forms.

It is composed of three elements: κάρα, the head; δοκέω, δοκάω, δοκεύω, to wait for, espy; and ἀπό, from, from afar; so: “to wait with the head raised, and the eye fixed on that point of the horizon from which the expected object is to come.

Godet, F. L., & Cusin, A. (1890). [\*Commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans\*](#) (Vol. 2, p. 88). Edinburgh: T&T Clark.

## **apokaradokia: strained expectancy**

**Original Word:** ἀποκαρδοκία, ας, ἡ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** apokaradokia

**Phonetic Spelling:** (ap-ok-ar-ad-ok-ee'-ah)

**Definition:** strained expectancy

**Usage:** eager expectation.

603 apokaradokía ("from **575** /apó, "away from"; kara, "the head"; and **1380** /dokéō, "thinking") – properly, thinking forward (literally with head out-stretched), referring to eager, intense expectation.

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### eagerly waits

The verb ἀπεκδέχεται, which we have translated by *longeth for*, is not less remarkable; it is composed of the simple verb δέχομαι, *to receive*, and two prepositions: ἐκ, *out of the hands of*, and ἀπό, *from, from afar*; so: “to receive something from the hands of one who extends it to you from afar.”

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earnest expectation of  
the creation eagerly waits

This substantive and verb together vividly describe the attitude of the suffering creation, which in its entirety turns as it were an impatient look to the expected future

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## This will all happen when

<sup>19</sup> For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for **the revealing of the sons of God.**

<sup>21</sup> because the creation itself also **will be delivered** from the bondage of corruption into the **glorious liberty of the children of God.**

<sup>23</sup> Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.**

## 2 Thessalonians 1:6–10 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, <sup>7</sup> and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, <sup>8</sup> in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, <sup>10</sup> when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and



to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

### 1 Thessalonians 4:15–17 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

### 1 Corinthians 15:22–26 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. <sup>24</sup> Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death.

## 1 Corinthians 15:39–44 (NKJV)

<sup>39</sup> All flesh *is* not the same flesh, but *there is* one *kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, *and* another of birds.

<sup>40</sup> *There are* also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another. <sup>41</sup> *There is* one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for *one* star differs from *another* star in glory.

<sup>42</sup> So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. *The body* is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

## 1 Corinthians 15:47–53 (NKJV)

<sup>47</sup> The first man *was* of the earth, *made* of dust; the second Man *is* the Lord from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As *was* the *man* of dust, so also *are* those *who are made* of dust; and as *is* the heavenly *Man*, so also *are* those *who are* heavenly. <sup>49</sup> And as we have borne the image of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *Man*.

<sup>50</sup> Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. <sup>51</sup> Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be **changed**—<sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

Hebrews 1:10–12 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> And:

*“You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,*

*And the heavens are the work of Your hands.*

<sup>11</sup> *They will perish, but You remain;*

*And they will all grow old like a garment;*

<sup>12</sup> *Like a cloak You will fold them up,*

*And they will **be changed**.*

*But You are the same,*

*And Your years will not fail.”*

Revelation 7:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

### Revelation 7:13–17 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?”

<sup>14</sup> And I said to him, “Sir, you know.”

So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. <sup>16</sup> They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

### Luke 21:25–29 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations,

with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; <sup>26</sup> men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your **redemption** draws near.”

earth, οἰκουμένη *oikoumenē* inhabited earth;  
world (9x)

Luke 4:5; 21:26; Acts 17:31; Rom 10:18; Heb 1:6;  
2:5; Rev 3:10; 12:9; 16:14

**inhabited world** n. — the world understood as a collection of governmental units and the people living in them.

**redemption** salvation ⇔ redemption (event) n. —  
the final salvation event, understood in terms of a  
grand event for the buying back of God's people  
and their bodies.