

The Absolute Security of the Believer Stated in One of the Greatest Promises in the Bible

Romans 8:28–30

Romans 8:28–30 (NKJV)

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Introduction

This is the most comprehensive all inclusive promises in all of Scripture for the believer.

For Christians, this verse contains perhaps the most glorious promise in Scripture. It is breathtaking in its magnitude, encompassing absolutely *everything* that pertains to a believer's life

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1991). [Romans](#) (Vol. 1, p. 471). Chicago: Moody Press.

There is nothing off limits and nothing excluded.
From the best of times to the worst of times.
From the most beautiful moments of life to the
most tragic events of life
From birth to death.
From health to suffering and disease
From our pursuit of Holiness to the greatest
failures of sin.
From the temptations of sin to the attacks of
Satan.

The only way that this promise is possible is for
God to be in control of everything, and I mean
absolutely everything.

If there is one moment, even one second, outside
the providential and sovereign control of God then
this promise is not sure.

No wonder that Paul would conclude this chapter
with these words,

Romans 8:38–39 (NKJV)

³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor
angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things
present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth,
nor any other created thing, shall be able to

separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

No wonder that Paul would conclude chapter 11 with these words as he finishes the sovereign purposes of God.

Romans 11:33 (NKJV)

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

Paul stated

Ephesians 1:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

Isaiah stated

Isaiah 14:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying,
“Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass,
And as I have purposed, so it shall stand:

Isaiah 14:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ For the Lord of hosts has purposed,
And who will annul *it*?
His hand *is* stretched out,
And who will turn it back?”

Isaiah 46:10–11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet*
done,
Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand,
And I will do all My pleasure,’
¹¹ Calling a bird of prey from the east,
The man who executes My counsel, from a far
country.
Indeed I have spoken *it*;
I will also bring it to pass.
I have purposed *it*;
I will also do it.

The 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith

Chapter 5 - Divine Providence

1. God the good Creator of all things, in his infinite power and wisdom, upholds, directs, arranges, and

governs all creatures and things,¹ from the greatest to the least,² by his perfectly wise and holy providence, to the purpose for which they were created. He governs according to his infallible foreknowledge and the free and unchangeable counsel of his own will. His providence leads to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, infinite goodness, and mercy.³

2. All things come to pass unchangeably and certainly in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God,⁴ who is the first cause. Thus, nothing happens to anyone by chance or outside of God's providence.⁵

4. The almighty power, unsearchable wisdom, and infinite goodness of God are so thoroughly demonstrated in his providence, that his sovereign plan includes even the first fall and every other sinful action both of angels and humans.¹¹ God's providence over sinful actions does not occur by simple permission. Instead, God most wisely and powerfully limits and in other ways arranges and governs sinful actions.¹² Through a complex arrangement of methods he governs sinful actions to accomplish his perfectly holy purposes.¹³ Yet he

does this in such a way that the sinfulness of their acts arises only from the creatures and not from God. Because God is altogether holy and righteous, he can neither originate nor approve of sin.¹⁴

5. The perfectly wise, righteous, and gracious God often allows his own children for a time to experience a variety of temptations and the sinfulness of their own hearts. He does this to chastise them for their former sins or to make them aware of the hidden strength of the corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts so that they may be humbled. He also does this to lead them to a closer and more constant dependence on him to sustain them, to make them more cautious about all future circumstances that may lead to sin, and for other just and holy purposes.¹⁵ So whatever happens to any of his elect happens by his appointment, for his glory, and for their good.¹⁶

Brothers and Sisters,

We about to embark on a study that will take us up to the highest peaks of the counsel of God. We will find our minds stretched to there limits. Our thought will grasp for word and will not be able to find them.

The Predestined Purpose and Plans of God will be in our minds for months to come.

Nothing will so exult the Glory of God and nothing will so humble man as Romans 8-11.

Pastors, Theologians and scholars along with the faithful Christians have studied these words for centuries. Everyone who begins to understand its depth has come away a better man and a better Christian

All who understand it know that we are unable to plumb the depths of it, Yet we still dig, deeper and deeper to know and serve the God we love.

It will challenge us, It will correct us and will conform us to the perfect image of Christ.

Our verse tonight that we begin with is

Romans 8: 28 (KJV and NKJV)

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are **the** called according to *His* purpose.

Lesson

The Reality of this Promise

The Recipients of this Promise

The Reason of this Promise

Romans 8 28 (KJV and NKJV)

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are **the** called according to *His* purpose.

Romans 8:28 (ESV)

²⁸ And we know **that for those who love God** all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

more in line with word order in the Greek

Romans 8:28 (NASB95)

28 And we know **that God** causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

The added “that God” is in some manuscripts

The Reality of this Promise

The Recipients of this Promise

The Reason of this Promise

Οἶδαμεν δὲ ὅτι τοῖς ἀγαπῶσι τὸν θεὸν πάντα συνεργεῖ εἰς ἀγαθόν, τοῖς κατὰ πρόθεσιν κλητοῖς οὐσιν.

I. The Reality of this Promise

Romans 8:28–30 (NKJV)

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good

28 **And** we know
Οἶδαμεν **δὲ**

de: but, and, **now**, (a connective or adversative particle)

Original Word: δέ

Part of Speech: Conjunction

Transliteration: de

Phonetic Spelling: (deh)

Definition: but, and, now, (a connective or adversative particle)

Usage: a weak adversative particle, generally placed second in its clause; but, on the other hand, and.

1161 dé (a conjunction) – **moreover, indeed now . . .** , on top of this . . . , next . . .

28 And we know

Οἶδαμεν δὲ

Οἶδαμεν **Perf Act Ind**

eidó: be aware, behold, consider, perceive

Original Word: οἶδα

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: eidó

Phonetic Spelling: (i'-do)

Definition: be aware, behold, consider, perceive

Usage: I know, remember, appreciate.

1492 eídō (oida) – properly, to see with physical eyes (cf. Ro 1:11), as it naturally bridges to the metaphorical sense:

perceiving ("mentally seeing"). This is akin to the expressions: "I see what You mean"; "I see what you are saying."

1492 /eídō ("seeing that becomes knowing") then is a gateway to grasp spiritual truth (reality) from a physical plane. 1492 (eídō) then is physical seeing (sight) which should be the constant bridge to mental and spiritual seeing (comprehension).

28 And we know that all things
 ἴδαμεν δὲ**πάντα**

pas: all, every

Original Word: πᾶς, πᾶσα, πᾶν

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: pas

Phonetic Spelling: (pas)

Definition: all, every

Usage: all, the whole, every kind of.

3956 pás – each, every; each "part(s) of a totality" (L & N, 1, 59.24).

3956 /pás ("each, every") means "all" in the sense of "each (every) part that applies." The emphasis of the total picture then is on "one piece at a time." 365 (ananeóō) then focuses on the part(s) making up the whole – viewing the whole in terms of the individual parts.

[When 3956 (pás) modifies a word with the definite article it has "extensive-intensive" force – and is straightforward intensive when the Greek definite article is lacking.]

Romans 8:28–30 (NKJV)

28 And we know that all things work
together for good

συνεργεῖ **Pres Act Ind** He is continually
 working together.

sunergeó: to work together**Original Word:** συνεργέω**Part of Speech:** Verb**Transliteration:** sunergeó**Phonetic Spelling:** (soon-erg-eh'-o)**Definition:** to work together**Usage:** I cooperate with, work together.

érgon (from ergō, "to work, accomplish") – a work or worker who accomplishes something. [2041](#) / érgon ("work") is a deed (action) that carries out (completes) an inner desire (intension, purpose).

sýn (a primitive preposition, having no known etymology) – properly, identified with, joined close-together in tight identification; with (= closely identified together).

To work together translates *sunergeō*, from which is derived the English term *synergism*, the working together of various elements to produce an effect greater than, and often completely different from, the sum of each element acting separately. In the physical world the right combination of otherwise harmful chemicals can produce substances that are extremely beneficial.

For example, ordinary table salt is composed of two poisons, sodium and chlorine.

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Romans 8:28–30 (NKJV)

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good

The All things is not the Subject of the verb..
it is in the accusative case that makes it the direct object.

It is not saying

All things somehow work together for Good

Rather

the verb “work together” is a 3 person singular

i.e.

He is working all things, it is God who is working all things together,

as the NASB translates.

Romans 8:28 (NASB95)

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Romans 8:28–30 (NKJV)

28 And we know that all things work together **for good**

for

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.**

good

agathos: good

Original Word: ἀγαθός, ἡ, ὄν

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: agathos

Phonetic Spelling: (ag-ath-os')

Definition: good

agathós – inherently (intrinsically) good; as to the believer, **18** (agathós) describes what originates from God and is empowered by Him in their life, through faith.

different from kalos, which is externally good.

Romans 8:28–30 (NKJV)

²⁸ And we know that all things work together **for good**

The Good that Paul has in mind here is most likely the good in this present life and then obviously for our eventual good in Heaven for all eternity.

The Context clearly affirms this....
The Salvation we have in Christ that gives us NO
Condemnation NOW
And gives us His Spirit NOW as a guarantee of
future glory, i.e security.

And

We have the ability to obey the law NOW in this Present life.

Romans 8:4 (NKJV)

⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us

Our new Spiritual State is gives us life and Peace NOW in this present life.

Romans 8:6 (NKJV)

⁶ ...but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

The Spirit enables us to please God. NOW in this present life

Romans 8:8–9 (NKJV)

⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.

The Spirits presence gives us assurance of a future Resurrection- NOW in the present life

Romans 8:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

The Spirits Presence give us victory over the deeds of the Body —NOW in this present life

Romans 8:13 (NKJV)

¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Being Joined to Christ by His Spirit gives us suffering with Him NOW in this Present life.

Romans 8:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ 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 8:18 (NKJV)

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.

Being in Christ by His Spirit causes us to Groan for the redemption of the Body NOW present in this life.

Romans 8:23–24 (NKJV)

²³even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

We are saved NOW in this present life looking forward to the fulfillment of our salvation

²⁴ For we were saved in this hope,

We wait for this future deliverance that is guaranteed by the presence of the Spirit NOW in this present life.

Romans 8:25–27 (NKJV)

²⁵ we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

And the Spirit helps with our weaknesses Now and intercedes for us NOW in this Present life

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us....

SO knowing this we can say with Paul

Romans 8:28–30 (NKJV)

²⁸ Indeed, now we know that all things work together for good

Why

Because we are not Condemned.

the Spirit indwells us

the Spirit gives us power over the flesh.

the Spirit guarantees our future glory

the Spirit enable us to suffering for a greater glory

the Spirit helps with our weaknesses

during the suffering and groaning

the Spirit intercedes on our behalf for things we don't now how to pray for.

Therefore

INDEED, Now we know that all things work together for good.

So, since we know God is causing all things work together for our good and his glory.

We need to understand more of what Paul means by all things

All things is utterly comprehensive, having no qualifications or limits. Neither this verse nor its context allows for restrictions or conditions. **All things** is inclusive in the fullest possible sense. Nothing existing or occurring in heaven or on earth “shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus” (8:39).

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Here are the All things

1. Good works together for Good

God's goodness works for Good

Romans 2:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

1 Timothy 6:17–18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to

enjoy. ¹⁸ *Let them* do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,

Gods Word works for Good.

Acts 20:32 (NKJV)

³² “So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Gods Grace is for Good.

Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

Government can work for Good

Romans 13:4 (NKJV)

⁴ For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil.

Having a Godly parents can be good

2 Timothy 3:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Obeying your parents can be for Good.

Ephesians 6:1–3 (NKJV) **6** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: ³ “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

Being a Good employee can work for Good

Ephesians 6:5–8 (NKJV)

⁵ Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; ⁶ not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants

of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free.

2. Bad works together for Good.

Here we do not mean bad in the sense of evil, or sinful, but just bad, not good. Its not suffering for the faith.

Part of living in a fallen world.

1. flat tire on the way to an important appointment
2. broken pipe that floods your house while on vacation.
3. a storm destroys your home
4. Rejected by the one you want to marry.
5. Bad grade on a test you studied all night for.

We learn perseverance and develop character

Romans 5:3–4 (NKJV)

³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;
⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

We learn to depend on Christ

Philippians 4:12–13 (NKJV)

¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

We learn not to worry

Philippians 4:6–7 (NKJV)

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Learn to be content

Philippians 4:10–11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:

3. Suffering works together for Good.

Suffering in the Wilderness

Dt 8:15–16

“GOD” led you through that great and terrible wilderness, *in which were* fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock;

16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—

Suffering in Captivity

Jeremiah 24:5–7 (NKJV)

⁵ “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: ‘Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge those who are carried away captive from Judah, whom I have sent out of this place for *their own* good, into the land of

the Chaldeans. ⁶ For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them back to this land; I will build them and not pull *them* down, and I will plant them and not pluck *them* up. ⁷ Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I *am* the Lord; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

Suffering in this Body

2 Corinthians 4:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory,

Suffering of Christ is our Example

1 Peter 2:21–24 (NKJV)

²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

²² “*Who committed no sin,
Nor was deceit found in His mouth*”;

²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

Suffering can also teach us to hate sin.

We already hate sin to some degree, because it is the direct or indirect cause of all suffering. But personally suffering at the hands of evil men will teach us more about the wickedness of sin. Martin Luther said that he could never understand the imprecatory psalms until he himself was persecuted viciously. He could not understand why the godly David could call down God's vengeance on his enemies until he himself [Luther] had been tormented by enemies of the gospel.

We also come to hate sin when we see its destruction of others, especially its harm to those we love. Jesus groaned in agony at Lazarus's tomb, but not because He despaired for His deceased friend, because He would momentarily remedy that. He was angry and saddened because of the grief that sin and its greatest consequence, death, brought to the loved ones of Lazarus (see John 11:33). He also

realized that such agony is multiplied a million times over every day throughout the world.

Suffering helps us see and hate our own sin. Sometimes it is only when we are mistreated, unfairly accused, or are debilitated by illness, financial disaster, or some other form of hardship that we come face-to-face with our temper, our self-satisfaction, or our indifference to other people and even to God. By helping us see and hate our sin, suffering is also used by God to drive it out and purify us.

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3. Evil works together for Good

Luther commented, “the Spirit makes all things, even though they are evil, work together for good”

Evil can bring Glory to Christ and Maturity to a Believer

2 Corinthians 12:7–10 (NKJV)

⁷ And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸ Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.

Our response to Evil can be used to bring others to Christ.

Genesis 50:15–21 (NKJV)

¹⁵ When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him.” ¹⁶ So they sent *messengers* to Joseph, saying, “Before your father died he commanded, saying, ¹⁷ ‘Thus you shall say to Joseph: “I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.” ’ Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of

your father.” And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸ Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, “Behold, we *are* your servants.”

¹⁹ Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for *am* I in the place of God? ²⁰ But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive. ²¹ Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

1 Peter 2:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹ Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

God and Use Evil to put His glory on display

Job

Job 1:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

Job 1:8–11 (NKJV)

⁸ Then the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?”

⁹ So Satan answered the Lord and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰ Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹ But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”

Job 1:12 (NKJV)

¹² And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has *is* in your power; only do not lay a hand on his *person*.”

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

Satan destroyed all that he had taking all he had including his heath, with the except his wife.

Job 42:1–2 (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.

Job 42:5–6 (NKJV)

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.”

The Puritan Thomas Watson observed, “A sick-bed often teaches more than a sermon” (*A Divine Cordial*

[Grand Rapids: Baker, 1981], p. 20).

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1991). [*Romans*](#) (Vol. 1, p. 478). Chicago: Moody Press.

Job 42:10–17 (NKJV)

¹⁰ And the Lord restored Job’s losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the Lord had

brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold.

¹² Now the Lord blessed the latter *days* of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys.

¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters.

¹⁵ In all the land were found no women *so* beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers.

¹⁶ After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren *for* four generations. ¹⁷ So Job died, old and full of days.

Pharaoh

Romans 9:17–18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, “*For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.*” ¹⁸ Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

4. Temptation works together for Good

The same Greek word for Temptation is used for Test

James 1:12 (NKJV)

¹² Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Temptation should drive us to our knees in prayer and cause us to ask God for strength to resist. When an animal sees a predator, he runs or flies as fast as he can to a place of safety. That should be the Christian's response whenever he is confronted by temptation. Temptation causes the godly believer to flee to the Lord for protection.

Whether Satan approaches us as a roaring lion or as an angel of light, if we are well taught in God's Word we can recognize his evil enticements for what they are. That is why the psalmist proclaimed, "Thy word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee" (Ps. 119:11).

5. Sin works together for Good

Sin reminds us of our falseness

Romans 5:12 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Romans 6:12–13 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.

Romans 7:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Sin reminds us of God's Holiness

Luke 5:8 (NKJV)

⁸ When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

Isaiah 6:5 (NKJV)

⁵ So I said:

"Woe *is* me, for I am undone!
Because I *am* a man of unclean lips,
And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King,
The Lord of hosts."

Revelation 1:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "**Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.**"

Sin Reminds us our our Savior

1 John 1:9 (NKJV)

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 32:5–6 (NKJV)

- ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You,
And my iniquity I have not hidden.
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the
Lord,”
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- ⁶ For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to
You

Sin Reminds us of the greatness of God’s Love and Grace

Romans 5:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,

Ephesians 2:5 (NKJV)

⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Romans 5:6–9 (NKJV)

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

28 Indeed, now we know that (God causes) all things work together for good

