

“God’s Gift of a Thorn”

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2 Corinthians 12:1-10

INTRODUCTION

- the strength of weakness
1 Cor. 1:27-29

1. God’s grace: visions

- “third heaven”
- divine gag-order

2. God’s gift: a thorn

- longing to escape from under the thorn

- God’s revelation accompanying the thorn:

a. God’s purpose

12:7; Mt. 26:39
Rom. 8:28-29

b. God’s provision

“The greatest single distinguishing feature of the omnipotence of God is that our imagination gets lost when thinking about it.”
– Blaise Pascal

c. God’s explanation

2 Chr. 26:4-21

- Paul’s response to the thorn