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**“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”** (Rom. 8:18) The present difficulties are not even comparable to what awaits those faithful in Jesus! Paul said he considers his own personal sufferings not even *worthy* to be compared with what is coming for us. Do we believe that?

**“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.”** (I Pet. 1:3-4) Do we put our faith, our trust in the living hope? Do we really believe we have an inheritance because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead?

If God went to all the trouble, heartache, and great lengths to secure our eternal home, then whatever that glorious inheritance, which is imperishable, undefiled and never fading, must be wonderful beyond description! Heaven must be so grand; there aren't words to explain it! It must be something beyond our thoughts if God would kill His own Son in our place to secure such for us. (The same could be said of hell that we were rescued from!)

God is trying to get us home! The question is: The home He is bringing us to, is it worth all the troubles we face on earth? For many, their struggles and difficulties take them down into deep, dark despair. They can't grasp by faith what Paul said about his own afflictions. **“For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.”** (II Cor. 4:17) Sufferings and difficulties are momentary! They should be pushing us toward the Lord and our eternal inheritance, not down to a pit of despair, wallowing in pity!

Our Lord and Savior's death on our behalf should indicate that there is something marvelous and great awaiting us! Our failures and sufferings are crying out: *This isn't the completion of God's intended purpose!* There is glory awaiting, a place where only righteousness dwells and that should produce within us a joy beyond description. The death of Jesus speaks loudly for our present and future. Will we be faithful, putting our hope and trust in Him? Think about it!!!

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