

3. ⁸ My cry - ing eyes, my stum - bling feet, You res - cued.
 4. ¹³ Sal - va - tion's cup I'll lift, and call the LORD's name,
 5. ¹⁷ I'll bring to You an of - f'ring of thanks - giv - ing;

⁹ In lands of life, I'll walk be - fore the LORD.
¹⁴ Vows to the LORD be - fore His peo - ple pay.
 With sac - ri - fice I'll call up - on the LORD.

¹⁰ I have be - lieved and said, "I am af - flict - ed."
¹⁵ Ob - served by Him, and pre - cious in the LORD's sight,
¹⁸ I'll pay the LORD the vows that I have prom - ised;

¹¹ I said in my dis - may, "All men are false!"
 Is ev - ery death a - mong His god - ly ones.
 This I will do where all His peo - ple meet,

¹² What will I of - fer now to the LORD
¹⁶ Sure - ly I am Your ser - vant, O LORD;
¹⁹ With - in His courts, the house of the LORD,

For all the ben - e - fits He's giv - en to me?
 I am Your hand - maid's son, You freed me from chains.
 With - in your midst, Je - ru - sa - lem. Praise the LORD!

Sermon Outline

I. Introduction

II. Main Argument

A. Perspective of Saints (v. 18)

1. Managing Expectations

- a. The Difficulty of the Christian Life
- b. **Application:** *Christians must learn how to suffer in this world.*

2. Sons Endure Suffering

- a. What reasons does the Apostle Paul give for why suffering in this life is not inconsistent with being a son of God?
- b. **Application:** *Affliction is not inconsistent with divine favor.*
- c. **Application:** *The Glory to come is unspeakable in its greatness and incomprehensible in our present condition*

B. Hope of Creation (vv. 19-22)

1. The Humbler Creation (v. 19)
2. Futility to Fruitful (vv. 20-21)
 - a. How is the creation subjected to futility
 - b. **Application:** *The Dreadfulness of Sin.*
 - c. **Application:** *The Greatness of God’s Faithfulness.*
3. Pangs of Purpose (v. 22)
 - a. What does Paul assume all Christians *know*?
 - b. **Application:** *The birth pangs will continue until the redemption.*
 - c. **Application:** *Saints wait with eager longing and groaning.*

C. Redemption of the Saints (vv. 23-25)

1. Adoption Benefits (v. 23)
 - a. How is this use of *first fruits* different from other times the Scripture uses that concept?
 - b. **Application:** *God’s children groan because we know there is something better that will be manifested.*
 - c. **Application:** *Even after death the saints will continue to long for the restoration of creation.*
2. Hope Defined (v. 24)
 - a. What does the Apostle mean by *hope*?
 - b. Why do we not have what we hope for?
3. Hope Characterized (v. 25)
 - a. Patience is the companion of faith
 - b. **Application:** *Why can Christians wait in this way?*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN SING

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

***THE PSALM OF PRAISE NO. TH2.....**“O Worship the King” (Psalm 104)

***THE INVOCATION**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READINGIsaiah 25

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 116**“My Crying Eyes” (pages 2-3)

THE SCRIPTURE READINGRomans 8:18-25

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***THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 402**“Abide With Me”

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE**Psalm 72:18-19
Now Blessed be the Lord Our God, the God of Israel.
For He alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.
And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity.
The whole Earth let His glory fill; amen, so let it be.