



Sustaining Truth About God

Genesis 50:20

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Isaiah 45:6 & 7 -

- ⁶ That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that there is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other,
- ⁷ The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these.

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*“The doctrine of God’s providence is this: God sovereignly works in and through the everyday, non-miraculous events of life to effect His will. Such a God, of course, is great beyond our imaginings because He **maintains** all of life, **involves** Himself in all events, and **directs** all things to their appointed end while rarely interrupting the natural order of life. He is far greater than our imaginings because He arranges all of life to suit and effect His providence. This makes all of life a miracle.” – K. Hughes*

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II. God is working good (in all the difficult and hurtful things that have happened to me).

Good out of Trials & Suffering

- God is maturing you.

James 1:2-4

² Consider it all joy, my brethren,
when you encounter various trials,

³ knowing that the testing of your faith
produces endurance.

⁴ And let endurance have *its* perfect
result, so that you may be perfect
and complete, lacking in nothing.

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Psalm 119:71

⁷¹ It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes.

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II Corinthians 1:9

⁹ indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

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- God is maturing you.
- God is humbling you.
- God is stretching your faith.
- God is putting you on display.

I Peter 4:12 & 13

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

¹³ but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.