

"Change me!"

- Changing Circumstances or Changing Lives -

We often want God to change our *circumstances*, when we should be asking him to change *us*, instead.

Why? God chose to save us *in* our circumstances, and then to display his power by using those circumstances to create changes in us. *After* those changes have occurred, perhaps he will change the circumstances, as well. But if that does not happen, we can still rest assured that things will not stay the way they are forever. The Day of Justice will come, and all things will be made right.

If we impatiently choose to sidestep God's work, or choose to sin, in an attempt to escape our circumstances, we are only dooming ourselves to even greater trouble - trouble that the changes God intended would have kept us out of. Such choices are an expression of distrust or unbelief. Making such a choice is the same as choosing to *reject* God's promise, that he will use *all* things in our lives - including our circumstances - to accomplish good.

How should we respond? We should encourage and build-up each other up. We should let God work *in* us, rather than trying to circumvent his life-changing work!

If God *does* change our circumstances for the better, we can rejoice. But it's more important by far, to rejoice in the fact that God changes *lives*. Don't ask him to lower his glorious standards, by changing just your *circumstances*, instead!