TREASURES OF DARKNESS...

"I will give thee the treasures of darkness..."
ISAIAH 45:3

In the Book of Genesis: Joseph the son of Jacob disappeared into Egyptian darkness...His father thought him dead and mourned many days for him. Jacob cried out in soul-pain, *"all these things are against me!"*

Not so! Years later when the purpose of God came full circle; Jacob heard with his own ears the glad cry..."*Joseph is yet alive!*"

Joseph's life went completely haywire, did it not?

Our lives---over which we think we are in complete control---often take a much different course than what we have planned. Is this the confusion of man? Or, the providence of God?

How glad we are to believe in providence so long as we have our own way; but if things go awry, faith falters; we think, if there is a God, He is in heaven, and not on earth.

We know of Joseph; but what about ourselves? We often think; what a mess, what a failure my life has become!

Why do we not believe God is in everything?

"Tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope." Rom. 5:3-4

Modern Evangelical's prate heavily about experience---BUT, when trouble comes as it must do...they are often shattered in the crucial moment. How we as Christian's often dis-qualify ourselves for Kingdom service at the most opportune time!

Our Christian testimony is that of regeneration and renewing, or new birth and new moulding of our lives...

No dark experiences of the Christian are greater than those of the Lord Jesus in His experience on earth.

So---TRIBULATION gives us the strong grace of patience and the radiant grace of hope. When will we learn that hope is the mother of patience?

Hope can see the sun through thickest clouds. For hope is never sick when faith is well. In knowing Christ and the Word the troubled soul sees the rainbow in the rain.

When 'things' are 'out of control'...Then's the time to trust the Lord!

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