

How Do we Learn to See the Unseen?

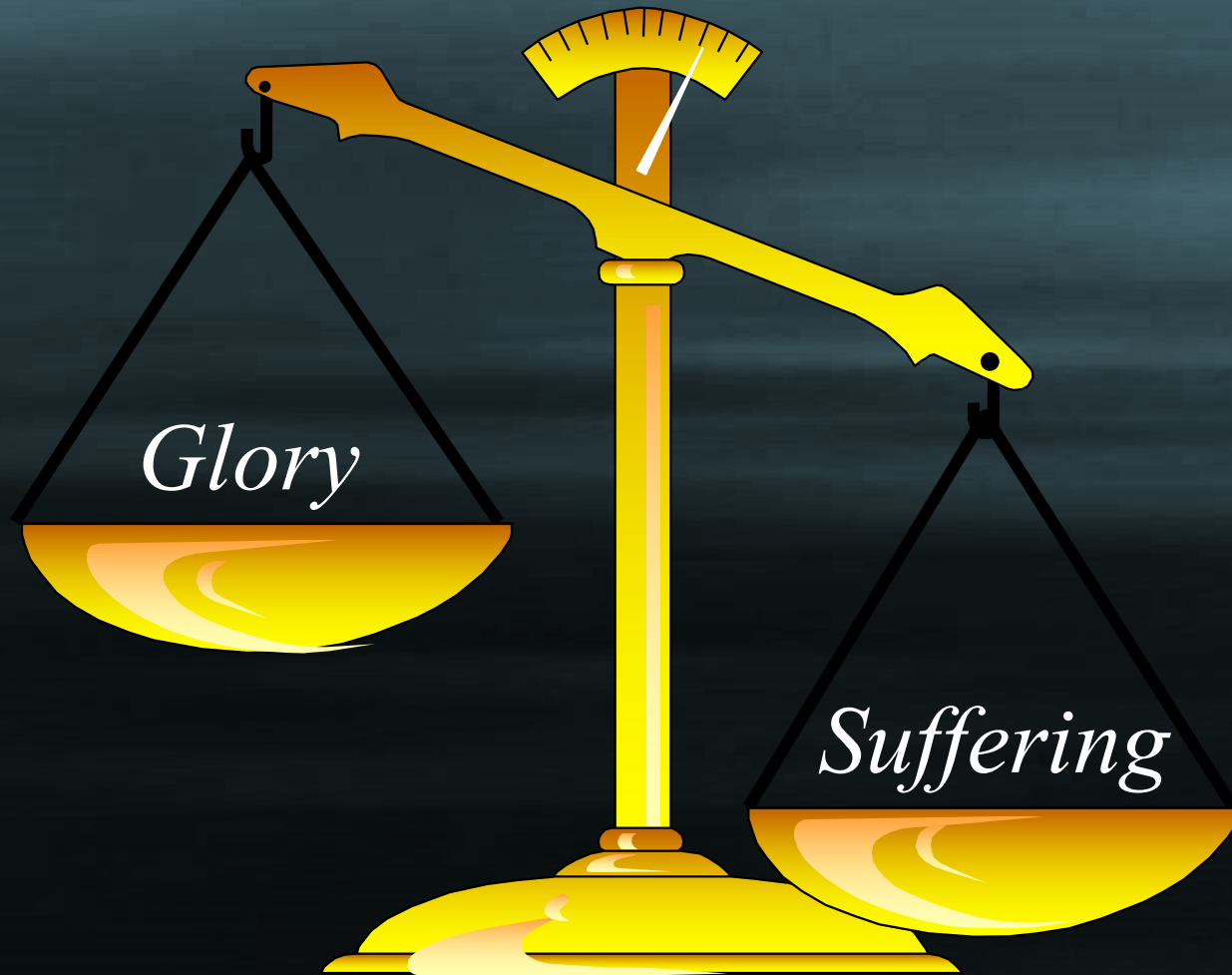
- *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2Co., 4:16-18*

- *For I **reckon** that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward. Rom 8:18*
- “**logizomai (logic)**... [a favorite word with Paul, being used some 27 times in his Epp., and only four times in the rest of the N.T.]
- 1. ...*to **reckon, count, compute, calculate,***
- 2. ...***reckon inwardly, weigh the reasons, to deliberate meditate***
- 3. ***by reckoning up all the reasons to gather or infer;*** (Thayer, p. 379; 3049)

Worthy

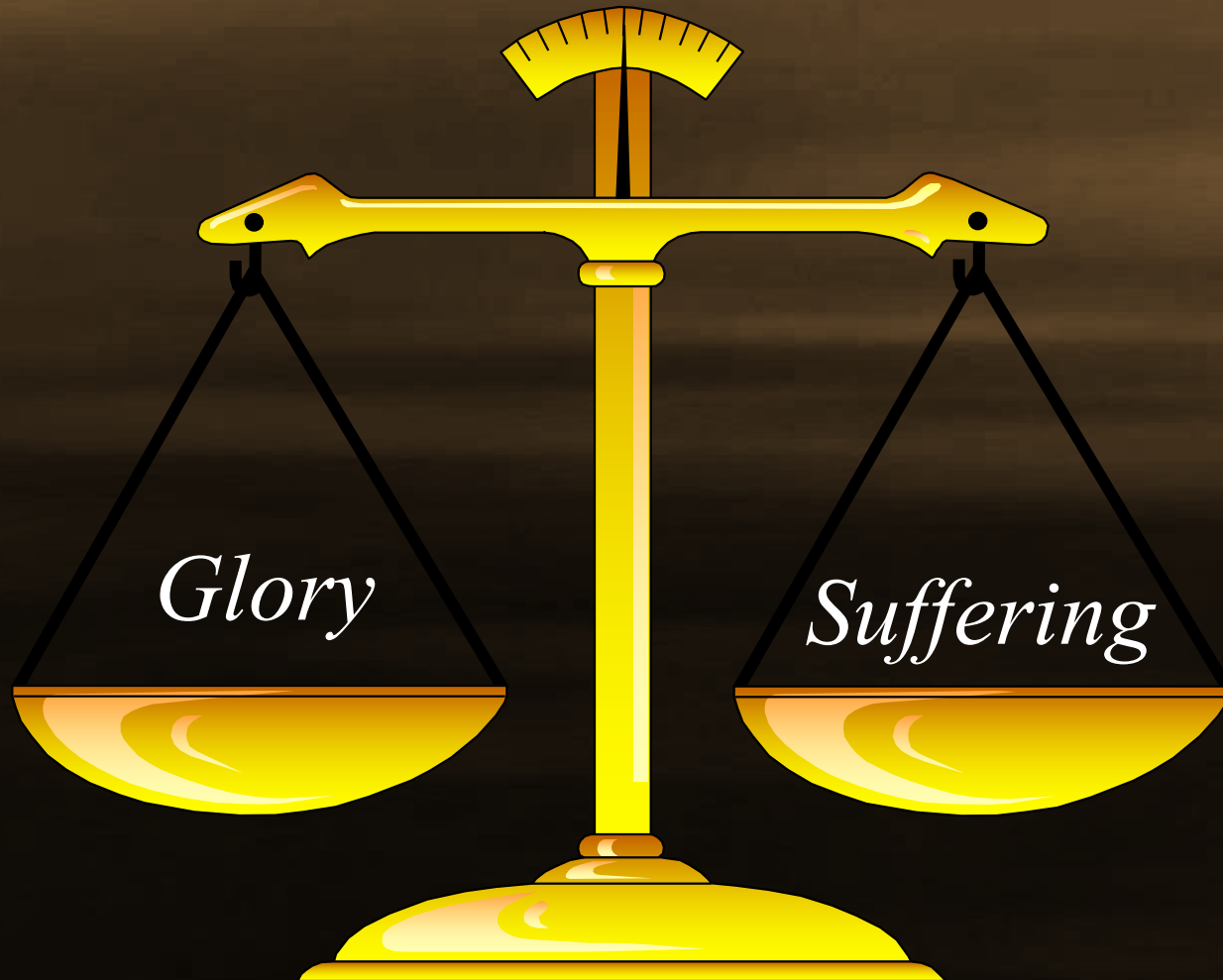
- “*axios* properly, “bringing up the other beam of the scales,” “bringing into equilibrium,” and therefore “equivalent”... The use of *axios*... shows that two distinct magnitudes are equal or equivalent... “ (Kittel, TDTNT, Vol 1; p. 379-380)

How it Starts



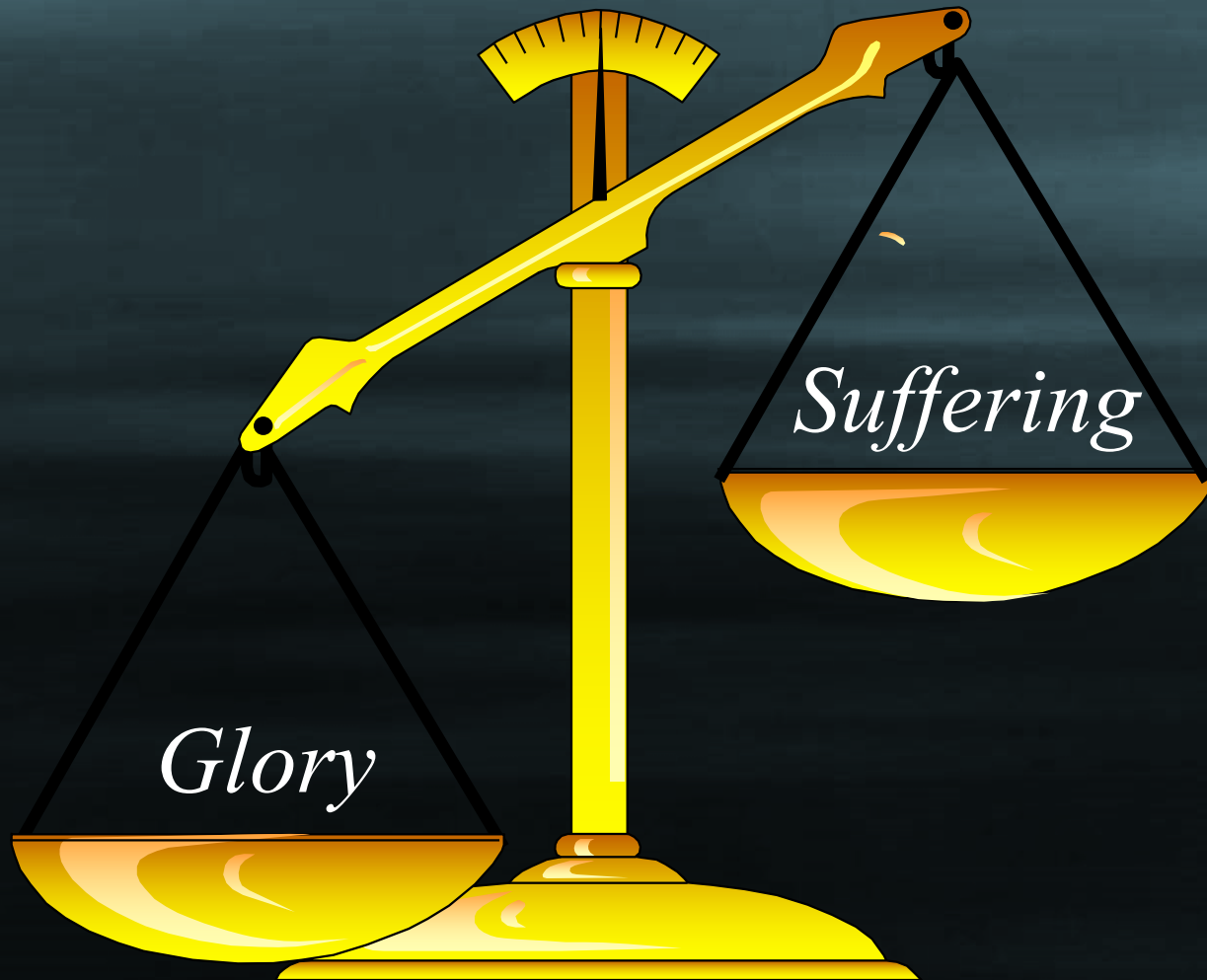
As we reckon

- We bring up the beam through logic, meditation and faith!



Maturity – Seeing the Unseen

- *Now the beam is so full, it is complete! We see the glory! Not the Suffering!*



As Hope Dawns – We See!

- *For I consider that **the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.** 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.** 24 For we were saved in this hope, but **hope that is seen is not hope**; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But **if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.** Rom 8:18-19; 23-25*

Seeing the Unseen a Logical Progression

- *while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.*
- We have to change our focus using the logic of our mind to see the things above:
- *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Col 3:1-4*

The Unseen Things Above

- *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. Phil 3:20-21*
- We have to bring up the beam of the scale through logical deliberation and meditation.
- If we can't see this with the eyes of our heart then it doesn't mean anything – we have no faith.

- *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. Heb. 11:1-2*
- *For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2Cor. 5:7*
- *that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know*
- “*eido... lat. video... **tenses coming from eido form two families, one signifies to see, the other to know... 2. Latin video, to perceive by any of the senses... to see, i.e. to turn the eyes, the mind, the attention to anything;***

How Our Father's Did

- *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but **having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.***
14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. Heb 11:13-14
- They saw the unseen. They trusted God's promises set their mind on things above, through logical reckoning meditation and inference they saw even though they were afar off!
- They made melody with "*This world is not my home*"

What Eyes?

- *Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 **fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb 12:1-2 (NASU)*
- How do we fix our eyes on Jesus? We use the eyes of our heart!

Activating the Eyes of our Heart

- *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, **but you shall meditate in it day and night,** Josh 1:8*
- *But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law **he meditates day and night.** Ps 1:1-2*
- *Let the words of my mouth and **the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight,** Ps 19:14*
- ***May my meditation be sweet to Him;** Ps 104:34*
- ***I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.** 97 Oh, how I love Your law! It is **my meditation all the day.** 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, For **Your testimonies are my meditation.** Ps 119:15, 97, 99*

Seeing the Unseen

- Walking by faith and not by sight
- Faith is the evidence of things not seen
- Not receiving, but seeing them afar off embraced them.
- We Reckon (logic)
- We know (video)
- We Set my mind on things above
- We Fix our eyes on Jesus.

