

## Affliction

“For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth”, Hebrews 12:6.

What does the word ‘affliction’ mean?

1. Persistent pain or distress,
2. Great suffering.

For the Christian the above points directly to the passage below.

(I read somewhere – I do not know where, and I have no idea who the author is – similar words too below. Mike).

The highest school of knowing God’s ways is through the Graduate University of Affliction.

The Apostles were the first graduates, and many have followed them. If you have received a call from God to do a work for Him, He will expect you to graduate through this establishment.

Revision of the course takes place on a daily basis.

You have experienced the trauma of losing someone very close to you through an accident or unexpected death.

You have lost your possessions in a fire, or burglars took them.

Your earthly possessions lie at your feet as dust or smashed through an earthquake.

You just lost everything because of a tidal wave.

Everything you own is covered in dust from a volcanic eruption.

So what. Jesus will be standing nearby to put His arm around you, and your Heavenly Father will have been watching all that has been going on.

He loved you before you reached any of the problems above

As you were about to open the door of affliction, He was standing beside you, directing His Love towards you.

As you progress through the affliction, He will not only love, He’ll walk through it with you, guiding you, leading you, strengthening you in readiness for the next battle.

Affliction is the Highway of the King. It is not paved with gold, but with LOVE.

Consider Jesus,

1. He was betrayed – to obtain monetary gain – by a friend, Matthew 26:15.
2. That same man nominated Jesus as the one they were to take

captive with a kiss, Matthew 26:48,

- a. A kiss was given to a brother,
  - b. A kiss was given to one you were honouring,
  - c. This kiss was the kiss of betrayal,
3. Jesus remained silent before Caiaphas, Matthew 26:62–63.
  4. Jesus remained silent before Pilate, John 19:9
  5. Jesus remained silent before Herod Antipas, Luke 23:9.

This is what the Ethiopian Eunuch, probably a treasurer in the Queen's Court, sought Philip's advice on as he read the passage from Isaiah, Acts 8:26–40.

Philip's affliction at this time was that God took him from a revival, placed him in a desert place, ALL FOR ONE MAN.