

# Seeing the Unseen – Eyes of Our Heart

- *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.** 2Cor. 4:16-18*
- *I pray that **the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.** Eph 1:18-19*

# Considering and Reckoning

- For I **consider\*** (**reckon\*** –ASV) 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. Rom 8:18-19
- **\*logizomai (logic)...**
- 1. ...to **reckon, count, compute, calculate,**
- 2. ... **reckon inwardly, weigh the reasons,**
- 3. **by reckoning up all the reasons to gather or infer;**  
(Thayer, p. 379; 3049)
- For **we walk by faith, not by sight** 2Cor. 5:7-8
- Now faith is the **substance/assurance** of things hoped for, the **evidence/conviction** of things not seen. Heb. 11:1-2
- So then **faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** Rom. 10:17

# Walking by Faith – Not Sight

- Seeing the unseen is the destination of “*walking by faith and not sight.*” As we look at the *evidence* found in the word of God we gain “*conviction.*” We begin to see what God promises more than what is.
- *All these died in faith, not receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. Heb 11:13*

# 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*
- We must cultivate a new “mind set.”

# 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*
- If we can't see this with the eyes of our heart then it doesn't mean anything – we have no faith.

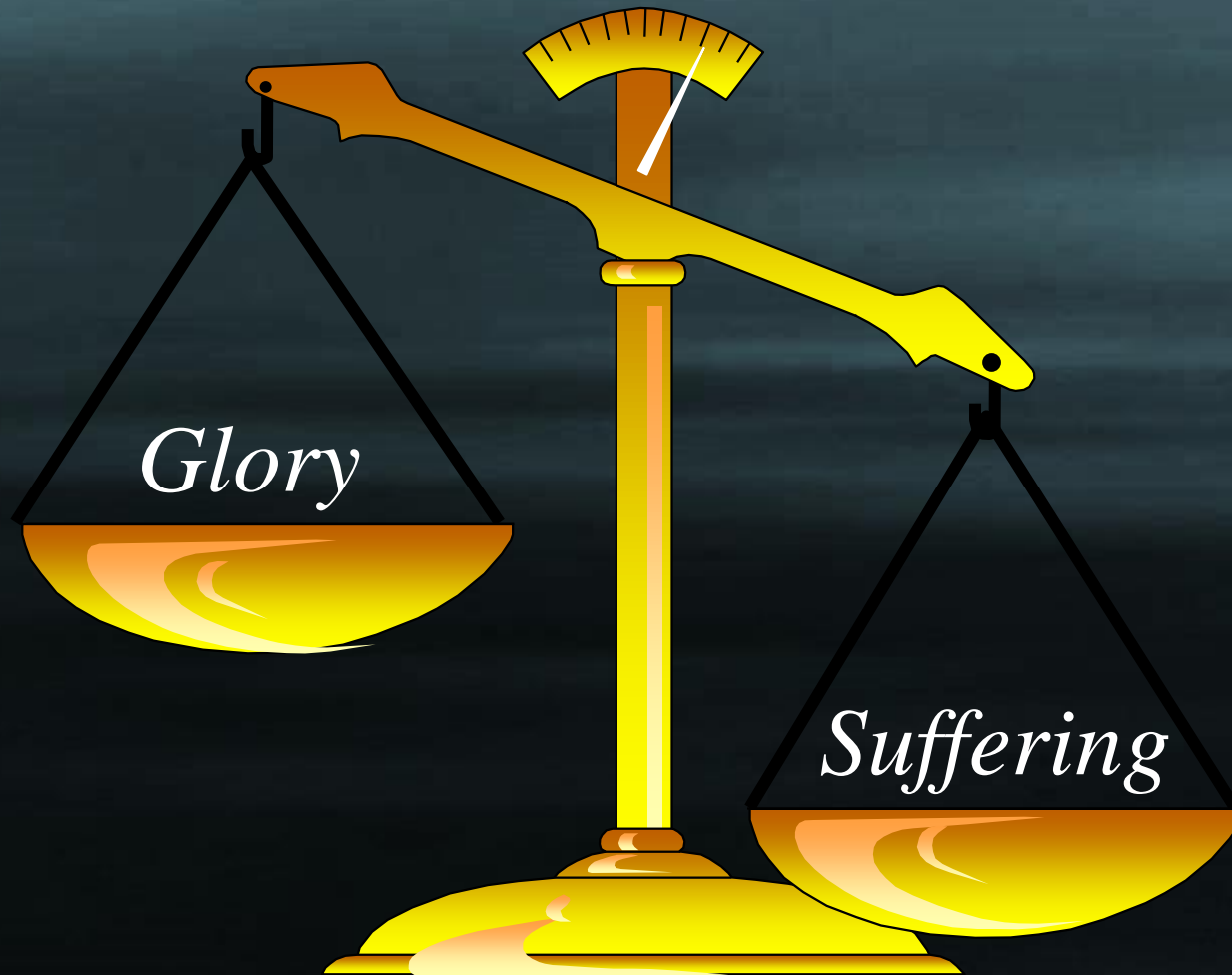


# Worthy

- For I **consider\*** (**reckon\*** –ASV) that the sufferings of this present time are not **worthy** to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- Reckoning leading to comparing and finding the seen unworthy of the unseen.
- “*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

- When we only see the seen



# As we reckon

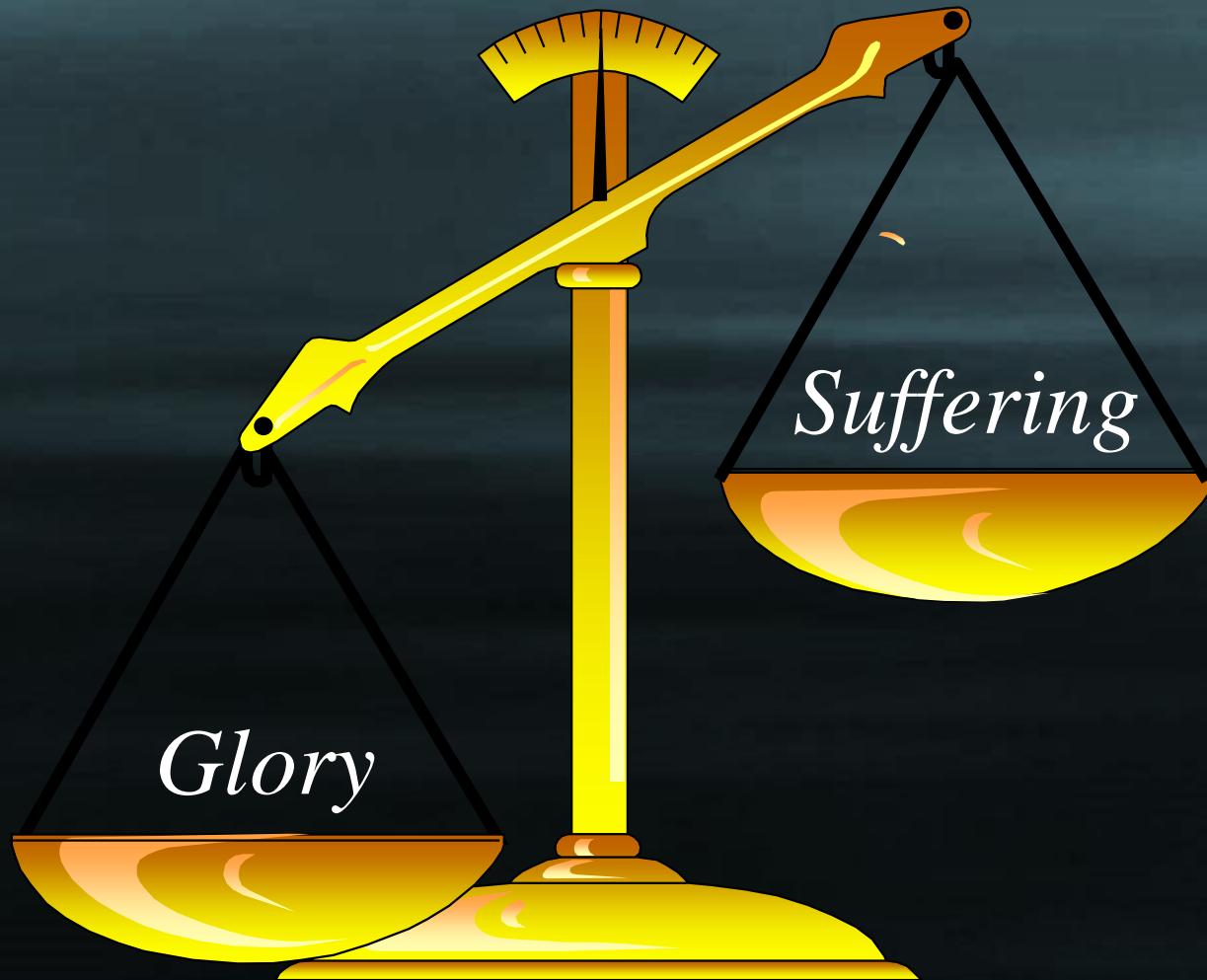
- We begin to trust the unseen and the beam moves up.





# Maturity – Seeing the Unseen

- *We see the glory! Not the Suffering!*



- *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*"

# 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*

# 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!



# The Unseen Seen by Faith

- *For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. 24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. Phil 1:21-25*



# 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 our minds on things above
- We fix our eyes on Jesus.
- We meditate day and night