



“The LORD is righteous; For I have rebelled against His command; Hear now, all peoples, And behold my pain; My virgins and my young men Have gone into captivity.”  
Lamentations 1:18 NASB

It is not the Lord, but rebellion in the hearts of people that produces heartache and pain! When sorrow or trouble comes, invariably we ask of the Lord, “Why?” Such questions imply that He has arbitrarily afflicted us with an undeserved punishment! This is far from the truth. There is no variableness or darkness in the Lord! (James 1:17; 1 John 1:5). He is not arbitrary in His dealings with us! As God’s plan for Adam was for his benefit and good, so it is His plan to benefit and do us good as well. (Genesis 1:31; Jeremiah 29:11; John 10:10).

To risk oversimplifying, the principle is clear – obedience to God’s Word and Spirit brings blessing while rebellion or willfully dismissal of His voice produces grief – not from a vengeful God, but rather through violation of His laws and principles – laws and principles given and intended to bless us not curse us! “If you will be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land. But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword.” (Isaiah 1:19 – 20).

Say this out loud, “Obedience brings the Lord’s blessing! Disobedience brings certain captivity! Therefore, I will root out of my heart all rebellion and disobedience. I set myself to quickly obey the Word of God and the Holy Spirit’s inner promptings! (Deuteronomy 28:1 – 14; 15 – 68).

“Yes, Lord Jesus!”

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