

# The Realm of The Supernatural:

## *Patterns and Cycles Part 1*

*KJV 1 Thessalonians 1:6* And ye became followers (*imitators*) of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

*7* So that ye were ensamples (*pattern*) to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

The apostle Paul tells the believers in Thessalonica that as they used Paul and the disciples as **patterns/models** for Kingdom living, they too are **patterns and models** for all believers who live in Macedonia and Achaia of how to endure **cycles** of affliction because they know **joy** is also a part of that cycle!

**A Pattern is something used as a model for making things the same.**

**A Cycle is a series of events or actions that repeat themselves regularly and in the same order.**

One of the greatest testimonies of Christ living in us is when we go through some of the same things as non-believers, yet we do it with the **joy of The Lord!**

**Trouble comes to all who live on this earth!**

The difference is how we handle trouble has to be **supernatural!**

**It has to be with THE JOY OF THE LORD! (Neh 8:10)**

**The JOY of THE LORD is our strength, our refuge, our stronghold!**

The joy of The LORD **is a supernatural place!**

*ESV Matthew 5:11* "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

*12* Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The non-believer doesn't get a reward for people chasing them down insulting them, saying all types of evil things about them and turning people against them.

**But we do! So, rejoice and be glad that something so minor is rewarded by our Heavenly Father!**

**You see not only do we endure trouble, we endure trouble along with persecution!**

*KJV 2 Timothy 3:12* Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. **Godly people endure persecution!**

In the parable of **The Sower** the reason certain people backslide is because they couldn't handle the persecution. (**Mark 4:17**).

❖ We have to understand that persecution is part of a **pattern and cycle** of life for the Kingdom citizen.

*ESV 1 Peter 4:14* If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

**God is placing more of His glory on us when we face trouble!**

*ESV 1 Peter 4:12* Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

*13* But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

*14* But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled,

**We are constantly told to rejoice when we are tested, tempted and tried!**

**It's a supernatural sign, when we understand the patterns and cycles!**

**Because the glory God places on us will eventually be seen by all!**

*ESV 1 Peter 5:10* And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

❖ **Here's the cycle first comes the suffering then comes the grace, after grace comes the anointing and then the glory of God!**

To **restore** you, **confirm** you are a child of God, then comes **strength** and last in the **cycle** God stabilizes us

*NIV Romans 8:16* The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

*17* and if children, then heirs-- heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

We know fall is not coming because that's not the **pattern** of seasons, spring always follows winter.

So, we have time to **adjust and prepare!**

But it's a **gradual** transition, it doesn't happen immediately all at once!

The earth needs time, the plants, animals and people need time to adjust!

Something is spectacular has been happening in your life, you've been frustrated because you're looking at it wrong!

You're looking at individual events instead of looking at the big picture!

*Exodus 23:28 And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites from before you.*

*29 "I will not drive them out before you in a single year, that the land may not become desolate, and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.*

*30 "I will drive them out before you little by little, until you become fruitful and take possession of the land.*

We love when God moves **suddenly, straightway and immediately!**

They are supernatural, but God also moves **gradually, little by little** in our lives!

*NIV Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.*

**One such pattern and cycle** are the feasts of great victories of Israel!

Just as the world celebrate the great accomplishments of kings, generals, scientists and inventors.

The church should celebrate it's mighty and noble men and events!

One such event or holiday celebrated this month is **Purim!**

**Purim** Hebrew name, meaning "lots," for the Jewish festival celebrating their deliverance from Haman.

**Purim** is a celebration of God's great deliverance from **Haman** in The Book of Esther!