

The Gospel of Luke

a verse-by-verse study

Session 27

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Luke 17:1-2

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"And did you hear what the Archbishop of
TATCHELL: Uganda said at Christmas? What the
Archbishop of Uganda said at Christmas?"



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Everybody knows, he said that it's better
to drown their children than let them be gay."
TATCHEL
WELBY: "And he refuses to come to any



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TATCHELL: "And he refuses to come to any meeting that I'm at because I have rebuked him exactly for that precise view?"
WELBY: "Yes for that precise view and I did so"

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VALUE

"Yes, for that precise view and I did so publicly, as I did the Ghanaian Church, as I did the Nigerian Church, and some of the others haven't yet"

7:29 / 24:21

Summary:

- Peter Tatchell alleges that there is an Archbishop who has publicly stated that it would be better to drown gay kids than to raise them!
- Archbishop Welby acknowledges this and says he has openly rebuked the individual in question.
- In addressing this allegation, Revd Matthew Roberts states: *“Christianity, more than anyone else on earth values the life of children; we’re the ones who know a God who became human, indeed who became human in the womb of the virgin Mary, who lived from conception, through all his childhood, to adulthood and in doing so has honoured childhood, honoured humanity”*

Summary:

- Matthew Roberts continues: *“in the Roman Empire, one of the things Christians were most known for is that other people would leave children out to die on the doorsteps and Christians would collect them up and raise them. So, Christians have always been utterly opposed to infanticide”*
- HOWEVER...
- This allegation is not what it seems!

"I want to alert all students, parents, and teachers that there are bad people trying to attract children into homosexuality by promising them money and sponsorship. I urge the government to set up a simple system whereby children can report these people to the relevant authorities who can investigate and take appropriate action"

What the Archbishop of Uganda actually said is that he warned that there were some people

Archbishop of Uganda

8:54 / 24:21

"To those who are recruiting children into homosexuality, I want to sound a very strong warning to you. These are not my words, but the words of Jesus: 'If anyone causes one of these little ones...to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea'"

But then what he said was, he quoted Jesus's words from Matthew 18 which is a stern warning



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from Jesus to those who try to lead children, or actually not just children, his little

Archbishop of Uganda

9:16 / 24:21

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ones, by which he means all Christians, into sin.

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9:19 / 24:21

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And he quoted Jesus's warning that for those who lead his little ones into sin, it would


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be better to have a millstone tied around your neck and thrown into the depths of the

Archbishop of Uganda

9:27 / 24:21



Now, what Jesus meant by that was to warn those who might want to advocate sinful behaviour,

9:36 / 24:21





that God judges those kinds of things and-
So God does the judging?






So, was it was it a call by Jesus for us,
his disciples to drown people?



▶ ▶| 🔊 9:47 / 24:21





It's hard to state how utterly misrepresented
this is of what the Archbishop said.

9:50 / 24:21



Summary:

- Matthew Roberts continues: *“So, the Archbishop was speaking about protecting the children, he's concerned about the children, he's concerned about the children being harmed. He was speaking about Jesus' warning about coming judgment from God for those who [lead children astray and into sin].*
- *So, it's got absolutely no relation at all to what has just been claimed!*
- *And so, what a perfectly orthodox Bishop said, in quoting the words of Jesus, has completely turned on its head and inside out and presented as if he advocated the killing of children!*
- *...it couldn't have been further from the case.*

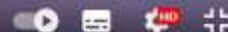
Welby's jaw-dropping Bible blunder



It's so repulsive and so Christ's warning about judgment from God, and in context the



▶ ◀ 10:41 / 24:21





Archbishop is talking about adults, Peter Tatchell misrepresents as him calling for





people to drown gay kids.





I mean, this is, I mean, this is, obviously, highly offensive to Christians.





But actually, it's quite dangerous.





I mean if people watching that believe that there are people in the church who want to







Then they might think well these are the worst kinds of people, they deserve some kind of





retribution, I mean, it's putting people- In danger
is that fair or?





Well, absolutely, and it has all sorts of
terrifying parallels.



Welby's jaw-dropping Bible blunder



It's really dangerous and incredibly irresponsible
to try to paint people whom, okay, you have



12:05 / 24:21



Welby's jaw-dropping Bible blunder



a severe disagreement with, but to paint them
as if they're advocating something which is
the very opposite



▶ ▶| 🔊 12:10 / 24:21



Welby's jaw-dropping Bible blunder



There's an extra irony here which not everyone may have spotted, which is that Tatchell himself



▶ ◀ 12:16 / 24:21





is very strongly in favour of abortion and he's spoken out about that a number of times



And, of course, abortion is a form of infanticide,
it's a form of killing children.





So, what we've actually had here is a man who does advocate killing children, accusing



a man who absolutely does not advocate killing
children, of being guilty of wanting to kill
children



²⁰ Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil;
that put darkness for light, and light for darkness;
that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Isaiah 5:20

¹ Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!

² It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

Luke 17:1-2

- Do not neglect Jesus' warning and cause, or allow a little one to stumble!
- We are called to speak the truth in love!

³ Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

⁴ And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

Luke 17:3-4

- 7x denotes complete.
- You cannot despair of anyone when you know the depths of your own heart
- In Matthew 18 Peter asks a question about how often we should forgive:

21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Matthew 18:21-22

Peter's Question?

- An attempt to impress?
- Reactionary comment?
- A considered question?

Forgiveness

21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? **till** seven times?

Matthew 18:21-22

- Gr. **ἕως** heos
- 'A point in time'

Seven Times

- ⁸ And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, **seven times** seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.
- ⁹ Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

Seven Times

¹⁰ And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

Leviticus 25:8-10

Jubilee

- Seven times seven years
- 50th year of Jubilee
- ‘Proclaim liberty’
- All debts were cancelled

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Matthew 18:21-22

Are we to forgive 490 times?

Forgiveness

- Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. (RSV)
- Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven (NASB)
- Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. (NIV / NCV)
- Jesus replied, "Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven". (The Message)

The 490 Years

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Daniel 9:24

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Daniel 9:24

The 490 Years

Command to restore
& build Jerusalem

Messiah the King

483 years

$$483y \times 360d = 173,880$$

1st Nisan 445 B.C.

20th yr

Artaxerxes

Longimanus

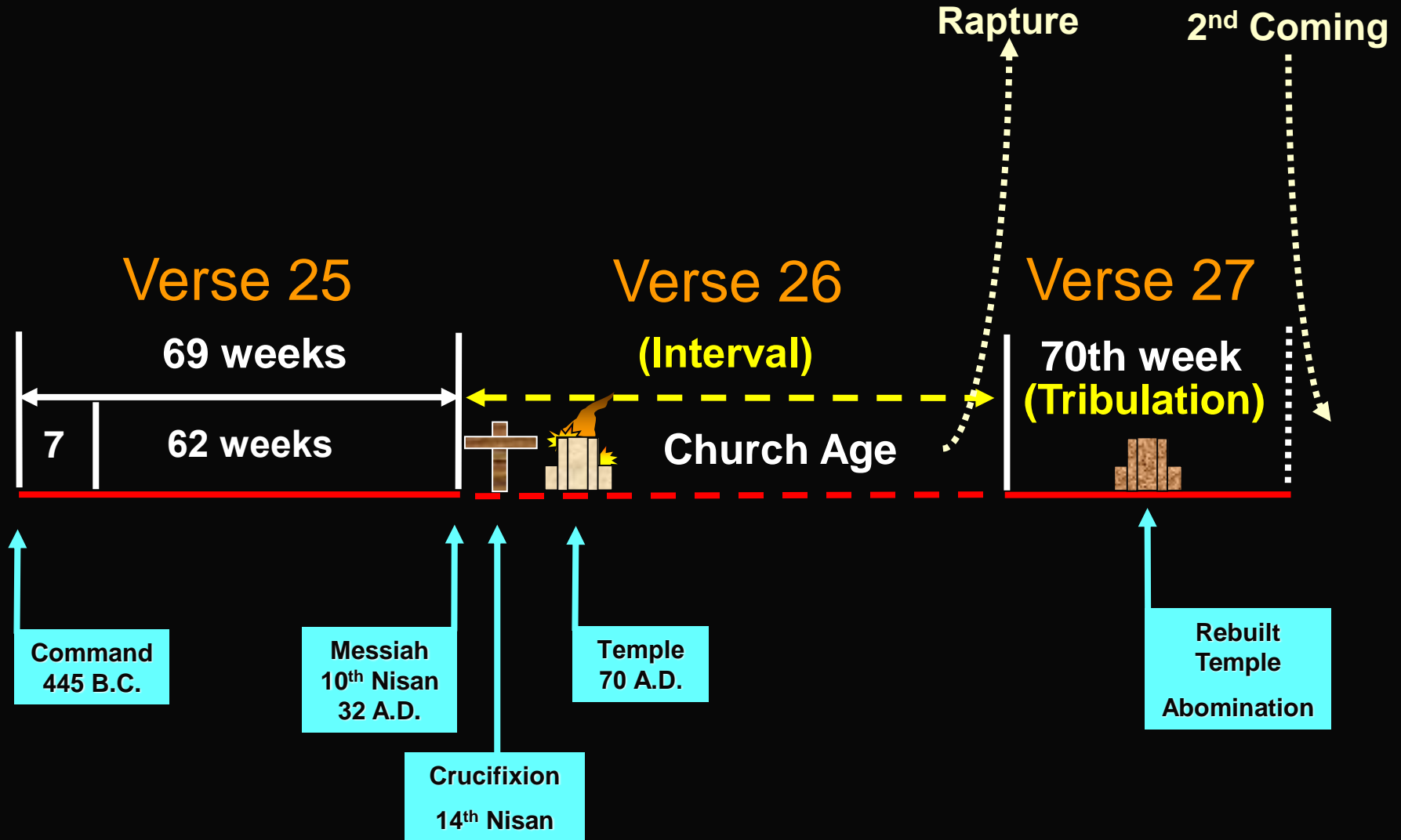
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The Triumphal Entry

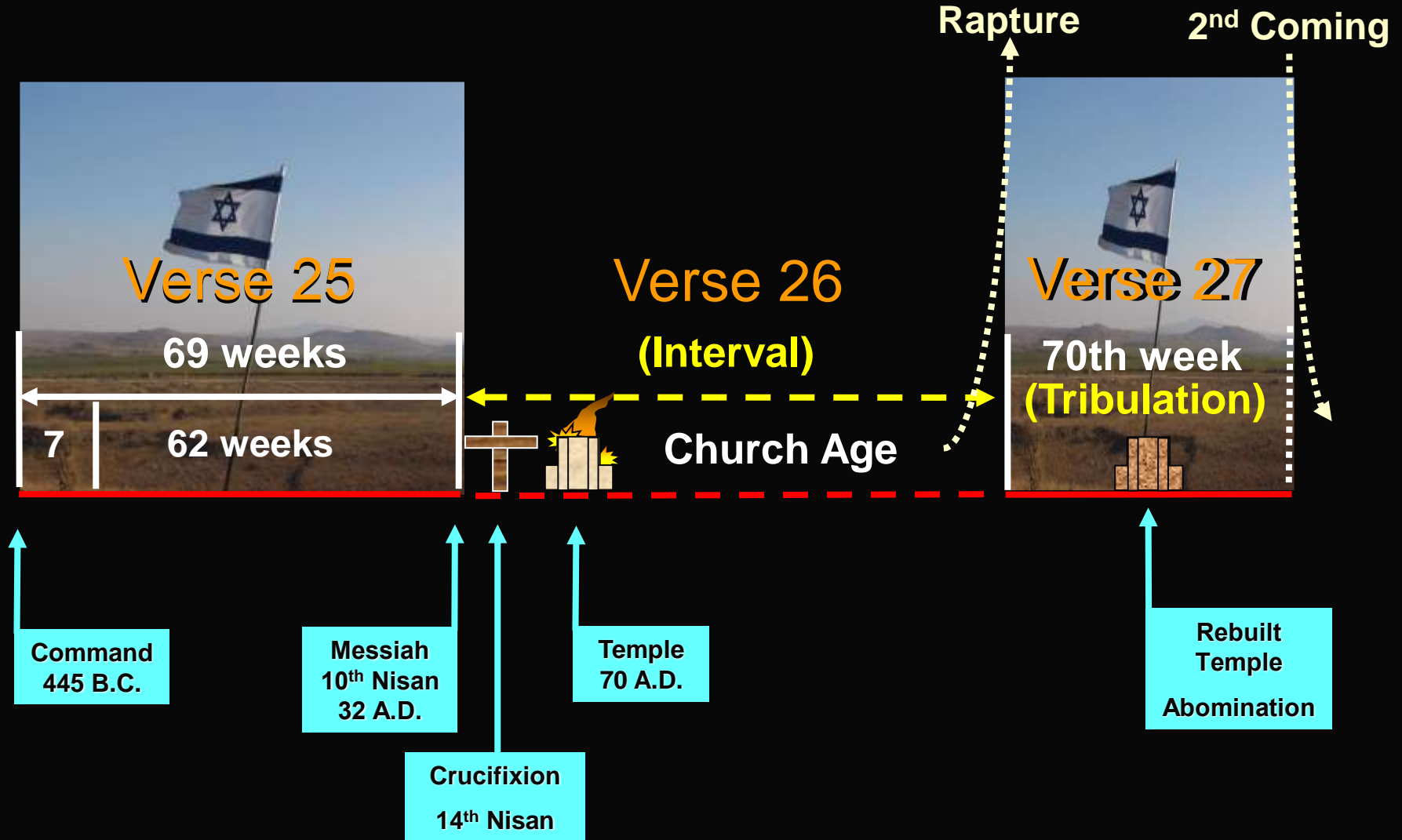
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“Seventy Times Seven”

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Israel – God's Timepiece



“Seventy Times Seven”

1) Abraham to the Exodus

Promise

Gen 12:4

75 years

+430

505

Ishmael,

Gen 16:16; 21:5

-15

490 years

2) Exodus to the Temple

Begun:

1 Ki. 6 - 8

594

Completed:

1 Ki 6:38

+ 7

601

Servitudes:

Judges 3 - 13

-111

490 years

3) The Temple to the Edict of Artaxerxes

1 Ki 8:1-66

1005 B.C.

Neh. 2:1

445 B.C. 560

Babylonian Captivity

-70

490 years

4) Artaxerxes to the Second Coming

445 B.C. to the 1st Advent (69 x 7)

483

[Church interval]

- ? -

“The Seventieth Week”

+ 7

490 years

5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

Luke 17:5

- This question is in direct response to Jesus' command to forgive...
 - Leave the matter in God's hands
 - Don't seek retribution or justice, rather be content to be unjustly treated and don't hold a grudge
- Trust God with your lives!
- Be willing to surrender everything to Him
- Abandon all to Him!
- This is why the disciples ask for more faith!

⁶ And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

Luke 17:6

- If you had faith, in just the same way as with a mustard seed, when planted in the right soil, it will grow much larger!
- What is the soil that makes our faith grow?
- God's Word!
- Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by God's Word

Rom 10:17

- *We have the idea that God rewards us for our faith, and it may be so in the initial stages. But we do not earn anything through faith— faith brings us into the right relationship with God and gives Him His opportunity to work. Yet God frequently has to knock the bottom out of your experience as His saint to get you in direct contact with Himself. God wants you to understand that it is a life of faith, not a life of emotional enjoyment of His blessings. The beginning of your life of faith was very narrow and intense, centered around a small amount of experience that had as much emotion as faith in it, and it was full of light and sweetness. Then God withdrew His conscious blessings to teach you to “walk by faith” (2 Corinthians 5:7). And you are worth much more to Him now than you were in your days of conscious delight with your thrilling testimony.*

- *Faith by its very nature must be tested and tried. And the real trial of faith is not that we find it difficult to trust God, but that God's character must be proven as trustworthy in our own minds. Faith being worked out into reality must experience times of unbroken isolation. Never confuse the trial of faith with the ordinary discipline of life, because a great deal of what we call the trial of faith is the inevitable result of being alive. Faith, as the Bible teaches it, is faith in God coming against everything that contradicts Him—a faith that says, "I will remain true to God's character whatever He may do." "Lord, Thou hast said so and so" (e.g., Matthew 6:33), "it looks mad, but I am going to venture on Thy word."*

- Oswald Chambers

7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?

8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?

9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.

Luke 17:7-9

¹⁰ So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

Luke 17:10

- Romans 12:1-2
 - We are called to give our lives as a living sacrifice:
 - This is our reasonable service
- God recons on us for extreme service with no complaining on our part and no explanation on His!
- He is LORD, He is Sovereign, He is faithful

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To be continued...

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