Evidence Testing in Z Radical; "Dwelling in Beulah Land"; Verses Documenting Logistical Grace Support: Phil 4:19; 2 Cor 12:9; Lam 3:20-24; Psm 23:1; 37:25

- 20. This system continues to support the believer as he advances toward spiritual maturity by enabling him to survive momentum testing.
- 21. It continues in the *Z* radical should the mature believer be called upon to offer testimony in the appeal trial of Satan under evidence testing in one of two categories.
- 22. The first category places the believer in a situation where his relationship with God can be compromised. The believer must use doctrine to maintain his relationship with God in the face of personal danger or an opportunity for personal expediency. Secondly, he may be challenged with regard to the Word of God for the same reasons and, finally, to compromise his advance in the plan of God in favor of human viewpoint objectives that offer temporal benefits.
- 23. The second possible area of evidence testing has to do with his relationship to life. Several circumstances present the believer with trials that cause great personal suffering such as the loss of one's possessions, health, or family and friends.
- 24. It is logistical grace that sustains a person during these times so that he can recall and apply the doctrine he knows to these issues and have the tranquility of soul to orient and adjust to them.
- 25. Spiritual growth is able to concentrate on principles learned from eschatology so that the problems of this life are reduced to insignificance by comparison to the blessings of eternity.
- 26. For example, Isaiah 62:4 speaks of the millennial kingdom when the Israelites will regain their client nation status:

Isaiah 62:4 - It will no longer be said to you, "Forsaken," nor to your land will it any longer be said, "Desolate"; but you will be called "My delight is in her," and your land, "<u>Married</u>" [בְּעוּלָה *Beu'lah*]; for the Lord delights in you, and to Him your land will be married."

27. C. Austin Miles wrote a hymn in 1911 that utilizes the perfect environment of the Millennium to characterize the tranquility of soul enjoyed by a believer who concentrates on the Word of God for problem-solving devices that overcome the trials of this world:

"Dwelling in Beulah Land" by C. Austin Miles

Far away the noise of strife upon my ear is falling, Then I know the sins of earth beset on ev'ry hand: Doubt and fear and things of earth in vain to me are calling, None of these shall move me from Beulah Land.

Chorus:

I'm living on the mountain, underneath a cloudless sky, I'm drinking at the fountain that never shall run dry; O yes! I'm feasting on the manna from a bountiful supply, For I am dwelling in Beulah Land.

Far below the storm of doubt upon the world is beating, Sons of men in battle long the enemy withstand: Safe am I within the castle of God's word retreating, Nothing then can reach me—'tis Beulah Land.

Let the stormy breezes blow, their cry cannot alarm me; I am safely sheltered here, protected by God's hand: Here the sun is always shining, here there's naught can harm me, I am safe forever in Beulah Land. Viewing here the works of God, I sink in contemplation, Hearing now His blessed voice, I see the way He planned: Dwelling in the Spirit, here I learn of full salvation, Gladly will I tarry in Beulah Land.

Chorus: I'm living on the mountain, underneath a cloudless sky, I'm drinking at the fountain that never shall run dry; O yes! I'm feasting on the manna from a bountiful supply, For I am dwelling in Beulah Land.

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- 28. These lyrics express the two areas of courage possessed by the believer with maximum doctrine in his soul. His knowledge of the plan of God produces courage toward life and circumstances. His knowledge of logistical grace support sustains his courage toward life and circumstances: "Safe am I within the castle of God's word retreating \ Nothing then can reach me—'tis Beulah Land."
- 29. When your soul is married to the Word then you are at one with the thinking of the God of the universe—you are "drinking from a fountain that never shall run dry." You are "feasting on the manna from a bountiful supply." You are "dwelling in Beulah Land."
- 30. Several verses that emphasize several areas of logistical grace support serve to conclude this study:

Philippians 4:19 -And my God shall supply all your needsaccording to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 12:9 - Then He assured me, "<u>My grace is sufficient for you</u>, for power is perfected in weakness."

Lamentations 3:20 - Surely my soul remembers and is humbled within me.

v. 21 - This I recall to mind, therefore I have confidence under pressure.

v. 22 - The Lord's grace provisions never cease, His compassions never fail.

v. 23 - His contract for life provisions is renewed every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

v. 24 - "<u>The Lord is the source of my provisions</u>, says my soul, "therefore I have confidence under pressure in Him."

Psalm 23:1 - The Lord is the One shepherding me; therefore, <u>I cannot lack for</u> <u>anything</u>.

Psalm 37:25 - I have been young and now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or <u>his descendants begging bread.</u>