

plain in the passage of time and sometimes they do not. His way is higher than ours, His plans more perfect than ours but the end result as seen in our verse will show you that they are intended for our help by a merciful and gracious God.

- III. Conclusion: If there is anything to be learned quickly it is that we should trust, depend, count on God or however you would prefer to say it. He is always available to us and the character of His grace should challenge us to call upon Him and be sustained by Him. He has not made us robots, however, and has allowed us the exercise of the life He has given so that while He is in control we are accountable to do His will and honor Him in so doing. But it is His grace that allows us to know this and to live with the assurance of an omnipotent Lord who will achieve His total purpose and bless His people fully in the process.

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MESSAGE # 4: THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD

Biblical Passage: 1 Peter 5:10

I. Introducing the Subject:

Our text tells us that God will perfect, stablish, strengthen, and settle us after "a while." The government of God is a much larger study than this but it is what we have now in the Petrine passage. and it is enough for our consideration today. In this talk I want to mention apparent matters in that government and in the final talk of this series I will try to work with some of the particular terms.

II. Discussion:

- A. He directs all things to a planned end. "after...he will" and the implication is that in the meantime there may be things that are disruptive and troubling for a period of time but since God is in charge He will, through these things, work for the benefit and blessing of His own. We may count on it.
- B. He makes all things work together.....after the pattern of Romans 8:28 and I hate to say it so generally but it is a simple fact. The context makes it plain that it is a verse for the believer and in