

Constitution of the Priesthood & Why Suffering?

D&C SECTIONS 121 and 122

RIGHTEOUSLY ENDURING TRIALS

- Some of our trials come from the actions of the wicked. Eventually the wicked will receive God's justice (121:1–25).
- Those who righteously endure trials will receive knowledge, experience, and the blessings of the priesthood and will be exalted (121:7–8, 26–33; all of 122).
- Power in the priesthood comes from righteous living. When a priesthood holder is worldly, proud, or desires to control others, he loses priesthood power (121:34–46).
- Often people who are placed in positions of authority exercise their power unrighteously (121:39–40).
- Because the Savior suffered more than any mortal could, He understands our suffering and feels compassion for us. Having faith in Him

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Blessings Promised by the Lord	What We Must Do
Knowledge (121:26, 33)	Endure trials valiantly (121:29)
The Holy Ghost (121:26)	
Thrones and dominions (121:29)	
Powers (121:29)	
Immortal rest (121:32)	
Experience (122:7)	
The Priesthood (122:9)	
God with you forever (122:9)	

"The wounds in [the Lord's] hands, feet, and side are signs that in mortality painful things happen even to the pure and the perfect, signs that tribulation is not evidence that God does not love us. It is a significant and hopeful fact that it is the wounded Christ who comes to our rescue. He who bears the scars of sacrifice, the lesions of love, the emblems of humility and forgiveness is the Captain of our Soul. That evidence of pain in mortality is undoubtedly intended to give courage to others who are also hurt and wounded by life, perhaps even in the house of their friends" - Jeffrey R. Holland