

## Notes on Last Week's Message

### Romans 8:18-39

#### THAT FUTURE DAY

.. in which God will restore ... the Garden -- and our Character -- so we can walk with him in the garden—our home—God's home.

• *Romans 8:18-23* "Yet what we SUFFER NOW is nothing compared to the glory he will give us later. For **ALL CREATION is waiting eagerly for THAT FUTURE DAY** when God will reveal who his children really are. Against its will everything on earth was subjected to God's curse. **All creation anticipates the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom** from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And even we Christians, although we have the Holy Spirit within us as A FORETASTE OF FUTURE GLORY, also groan to be released from pain and suffering. We too wait anxiously for that day when God will give us our FULL RIGHTS AS HIS CHILDREN, including the NEW BODIES he has promised us."

(1) **Earth is our home and God's home.** "I saw a new heaven and a new earth.... I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, 'Look, **God's home** is now among His people! He will live with them and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them.'" Revelation 21:1-3

(2) **Everything sings in the day of the restoration of the green earth. The day of healing of all things, when God's people return with song. Then Creation joins us in song. It has feelings too.**

• *The mountains and hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands! Where once there were thorns, cypress trees will grow. Where briars grew, myrtles will sprout up. This miracle will bring great honor to the Lord's name. It will be an everlasting sign of his power and love."*

Isaiah 55:12-13

• *There will be a highway called the Holy Road...The people God has ransomed will come back on this road. They'll sing as they make their way home to Zion. Isaiah 35:8-10*

#### (3) While we wait:

We declare, "I live in a created world."

We participate in God's changing of us.

We join creation in singing to God.