

Beautiful for Situations

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INTRODUCTION

So often in the Christian church, believers think they know something. Yet, the Word of God says we know nothing (1 Corinthians 4:4; 1 Corinthians 8:2). The Word of God makes it clear that when you *think* you know something, you know nothing. The person who really knows something doesn't think he knows anything, yet, because he experiences the life of faith, he reveals the mystical humanity of Jesus Christ through the grace of God and the indwelling Holy Spirit.

People who really know God never think they know much. The more I learn the Bible, the less I feel that I know. The more our ministry is used, the less I feel we are being used. We are getting to know the holiness of God, the terrific scope of God in comparison to self. That knowledge doesn't make me condemn myself, but it does make me acknowledge the reality of my nothingness so that I can live in the reality of His

fullness and His oneness with me, by grace through faith in Him.

It is in this faith walk that we will all get to know the beauty of His holiness—that He is, indeed, beautiful for our situations.

Chapter One

THE MOUNTAIN OF HIS HOLINESS

“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

“Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King” (Psalm 48:1-2).

The only place that we can praise God in our lives experientially is in the mountain of His holiness. I can praise God there, but I cannot really praise God anywhere else.

What does it mean to be in the mountain of His holiness? It simply means we accept the fact that we are crucified, buried, resurrected, and ascended in retroactive positional truth. In other words, we are seated above, with Christ, even when we don't feel that we are, because, according to Ephesians 2:5-6, it is a fact.

To accept these truths is to live in the moun-

tain of God's holiness on the basis of His Word. Therefore, we can praise Him in that heavenly position, regardless of what we are going through on earth. If I understand my position with Christ and in Christ, then I will understand what I can do from that position in my experience on the earth.

"Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King" (Psalm 48:2).

Beautiful for situations—this is what I want to concentrate on in these pages. I want to mention several things as God gave them to me.

God Needs You Where You Are

God needs you in your situation.

Weeping and crying, a mother came to me and said, "Pastor, I cannot stand the things I am going through any longer. My husband cannot get a job. We cannot get state aid. We do not have any money. We don't have groceries. I have loved Jesus for a long time, but I just can't take it any longer."

I wept with her because she touched me with her need. But I just said, "God needs you in your situation." She didn't understand that, and she wept. She must have been with me for over an

hour, yet she didn't understand what I said.

At the end, I prayed with her some more, and on her knees God revealed to her what I had said in the first two minutes of our counseling session: "God needs you in your situation." She started to get up and went right up against the wall in the office and said, "I guess God needs me right where I am, and I'm not to leave my husband though he is a drunk. God needs me." And I said, "That's right. God needs you in your situation."

Why did God need her in that situation? Without her being in that situation God would not be there, because she was the only representative of God in that particular situation. Those children would not have had Jesus Christ in that house without this woman. That drunken husband would not have had Jesus Christ to look at and to challenge his drunkenness if this woman were not there.

God needs you in your situation, because without you God wouldn't be in that situation. And when you think of that, the situation will become wonderful. He is beautiful for situations.

Our Need for the Situation

Not only does God need you in that situa-

tion, but you need that situation, because without that situation you wouldn't be pressed out of measure.

Paul said when he was getting ready to die (at least he thought he was going to die) that he was "pressed out of measure" and that we have "the sentence of death in ourselves that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead" (2 Corinthians 1:8-9).

What did Paul do? He went to the Cross (2 Corinthians 4:8-12). Yes, you need that situation you are in, because that situation takes out of you everything your adamic nature wants.

There may be a lot of good things in your life from Adam—a lot of very good things that are clean and neat, but they are Adam's life and they pertain to Adam's nature, which is rejected by God. All of that must come to the surface. You see, situations bring things that are deeply rooted to the surface. Now, there is a lot of good in your life and there is a lot of evil in your life, but you need that situation in your life to bring both the good and evil to the surface. Then you can look at it and realize what it is, take it to the Cross, get rid of it, and enter into the life of Resurrection. I am not interested in who did wrong. I know this: For the believer in Jesus Christ, all

things are of God (2 Corinthians 5:18). I also know this: All things are for your sake (2 Corinthians 4:15).

God allows the building materials to be late. He allows someone to do a poor job. He allows someone not to live up to his agreement. He allows someone else to forget about you. It was important for God to have it happen so you can see that you really are not resting in Christ. You are really not in love with God alone. You are really not trusting in the sovereignty of God.

God allows situations to reveal what is rooted deep within your heart. He wants to bring the deep root of your old nature up to the surface so that you can take a look at it and realize what you are made of on the inside of your mind. Had He not brought the situation to your mind, then you would have never witnessed the revelation of your self.

God Ordains Situations

So many people think they are spiritual when there is so much stuff inside of them that has never been dealt with, crucified, or judged by God, experientially, through the Cross. So many people blame their situations, yet God—before the foundation of the world—ordained

that they needed those situations.

You will never become like Jesus Christ unless you go through situations. A lot of good inside of you is rejected by God. This is a “forbidden” truth, rejected by many. Still, it must be revealed—not just the evil, but the good. All of it must be brought to the surface. All the poison inside of you must be brought out and expressed through your wicked temper in the midst of pressures so you can see that before God, you are sick—mentally ill.

The situation that God brought into your life was to show you what you are like: You do not believe in God. You don’t trust in Jesus. You are not a person of faith. You do not have the love of God, as it is described in 1 Corinthians 13. You are not operating in the grace of God that reigns through every single thing (Romans 5:21). You don’t have perfect peace (Isaiah 26:3). You don’t know what it is to have the peace that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7). Instead of trusting God without leaning on your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5), you reveal your impatience, your anxiety, your perplexities. You reveal what you are *really* like. And if these pressures didn’t come upon you, you could fake it. But God makes sure situations come really to

find you out.

The Situation Will Find You Out

Your situations will find you out. I could come to the pulpit and bluff it if I wanted to. I could put on my Sunday face. But when the pressure gets rough, there is no bluffing. I am going to be what I am. The situation finds me out and reveals who I am.

If I am filled with God, a love that thinks no evil will come out of me. A love that will cover someone else's sins will come out of me. A love that will go down to the lowest depths to help someone who has done me wrong will come out of me. If I am filled with God, I will have divine quietness (Isaiah 32:17). If I am filled with God, I will know that everything will work out perfectly, and I will have the serenity of God's sovereignty operating in the humanity of my being.

But if you are not filled with God, you will go to the Tree of Knowledge and say, "He should have done this and he should have done that. I am sick and fed up, and I can't stand it any longer." You will show exactly what you are like in what your heredity has made you, in your environment, and through your own free volition. Your situation will find you out.

The things that happen to you are not accidental. Someone didn't make a mistake. You were not cheated. God ordained that He would send the person He knew would do something wrong to you. God used that person, sending him to you to reveal what you are like.

The Situation Needs You

God needs you in the situation. You need the situation. The situation will find you out; and, the situation needs you.

Let me illustrate it. Here is a community that totally rejects Jesus Christ. God's people have gone through a lot of persecution. For years and years, that area has been nothing but a completely dead area for God. There is no life. There is very little light. Yet, several folks have gone up there and stayed there preaching God's Word. I don't know how many people they have, but they have a full-time ministry. They are going door to door and winning souls. And they have gone through many nights of tears. Many times they wonder if they should stay. "What is it all about? Is it worth it? Can we do anything here?" they ask God. "We have knocked on doors and so very little seems to happen."

The situation needs them, because someone must reveal God in that area. God is in them, and if they left the area, the life and manifestation of God would leave. God Himself can't leave, but the expression of God would leave along with those dedicated, spiritual people.

The meaner the situation, the more it needs you. The meaner the person, the more you are needed. The worse people treat you, the more they need you. Stop and think of that. Isn't that true? The uglier the situation, the greater the need is for me to minister life to it. Patience first, then His love and His life. The more difficult the situation is, the more necessary it is for you and I to stay in it. The situation needs us.

So, if you think things are getting really bad, then remember that the worse things get, the greater the opportunity you have to be used by God to reveal the fruit of the Holy Spirit, through patience, love, and grace. You see, the more difficult the situation gets, the greater the opportunity to just minister God. It will be a true test of whether you are really ministering God if you can stick it out and let God give you faith-rest through prayer, peace, love, fellowship, and the operational Word of God in your life. If you can do that, you can see where God

will continue to be revealed.

Consider 1 Corinthians 13:8, which says, “Charity never faileth.” You have a promise from God that if you stay in that situation—and it may take a number of years in some cases—love will never fail the situation. Jesus is beautiful for situations because you cannot exhaust His love! That is why He is beautiful. When we are at our worst, He reveals more grace. “But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound” (Romans 5:20*b*). The worse the situation gets, the more grace abounds, and that makes Him beautiful for the situation.

No matter how bad the situation is, God has ordained something good out of it (Romans 8:28). By the way, when you read an often quoted verse such as Romans 8:28, do not think that you already know it. Think of it as though you never heard it before.

Every time we open the Word of God, we must listen to it as if we have never heard it before. After hearing the same information thirty times, we only retain approximately 10 percent of what we hear. After a time, that figure is reduced to three percent. We are able to recall many principles, but as far as specific knowledge, we remain ignorant. That is why it is so

important to keep reiterating things until the amplification of great principles becomes so supreme in our minds that we enter into the essence of those thoughts.

We know nothing unless we are able to experience what we need at the moment we need it. Let's say that you could quote 1 Corinthians 13 verbatim and you have recited it thousands of times. If you went through the morning without experiencing that chapter, then you don't *know* 1 Corinthians 13, as far as God goes. Now, take a verse like 1 John 5:12, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life," and John 10:10b, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." If I experience the abundant life of the indwelling Christ today, then I *know* those verses. You see, my quoting the words means nothing, but the fresh experience of those words in my life reveals the wisdom of knowing that God is beautiful for my situations.

Chapter Two

SOMETHING GOOD IS GOING TO HAPPEN

I can think of absolutely amazing things that God has done to make something good out of something terrible. He will strip us through circumstances and situations and then bring us forth as meek and Spirit-filled giants. He will strip us of our external supports. He strips away the outward. He strips from us everything we hold dear, but only to get close to us. I am telling you that God will make something good out of any bad situation. We can trust Him to do that. He has promised to do that. He is beautiful for our situations.

Jesus will not quit a bad situation. Let me illustrate it. In Matthew 28:20, Jesus said, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." In Hebrews 13:5, He says, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." The worst we can do is grieve Him, according to Ephesians 4:30.

Think of it! In a lifetime, think of how many times we have treated Jesus badly. Yet, He never leaves us, and He never forsakes us. He will not leave a bad situation.

Realize that if Jesus remains in bad situations, eventually He is going to win. He will bring something good out of it. He will do whatever He can do without violating human volition. He will do something good with that bad situation. The situation is in God's hands (Psalm 31:15).

Everything Is in His Hands

If the spikes are going into your hands, if they are burning your body with fire, the situation is in God's hands. It is not in Satan's hands. It is not in the world's hands. They may hold the hammer that puts in the spikes, but God holds eternity that reveals the truth.

There is no possible way to equate His power with any power in the world. Those of the world are powerless over us and our situation is in God's hands. In Matthew 28:18, Jesus says, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." In Psalm 31:5, my times are in God's hands.

Regardless of what is going on, the situation

is in God's hands. I don't have to worry or fret. According to Psalm 37:1, I can have absolute perfect trust because the situation and my times are in God's hands (Psalm 48:1-2).

Whatsoever I do, I can do all to glorify God (1 Corinthians 10:31). With every temptation, He will provide a way of escape (1 Corinthians 10:13). Therefore, by the grace of God, my situation is in God's hands.

Someone may have a gun pointed at me and say, "I'm going to kill you!" Nevertheless, my situation is not in their hands, it is in God's hands. His perfect sovereign will provides for me. Why? Because all things are for my sake.

I am being conformed to Jesus Christ in His appointed situations. Situations do not control situations, because God has ordained the situations. The situations do not control God. God needs you in your situation. The situation needs you. And the situation will reveal that God is beautiful in the situation.

God with Us

If you have received Jesus Christ as your Savior and you are born again, then Christ is in you. There is no greater thing on the earth today than to have Jesus Christ living inside of you.

That means God is in you. So, if you are in a situation, and God is in you, then God is in the situation.

If all power is given to Him on earth (Matthew 28:18), if all things are of God (2 Corinthians 5:18), if all things are for your sake (2 Corinthians 4:15), and if all things work together for good to them that love God so they can be conformed to His image (Romans 8:28-29)—if all this is true and you understand that God placed you in that situation, you can be sure that God, who is in you in your situation, will give you the most beautiful, precious presence of His love.

The amazing thing is that people seem to think that the devil puts them in situations or that the world places them in situations. But God, knowing how your free volition will choose, ordains circumstances to reveal who you are and who He is. He does it to let you know what He will do for you as you trust Him in the situation. So, God is in you in every situation. He will never leave you, He will never forsake you, and He will go with you until the end of the world (Hebrews 13:5 and Matthew 28:20).

In the Furnace

When the three Hebrew boys were placed in the fiery furnace, the Fourth Man was seen walking with them (Daniel 3). God was in them and with them in that situation. The fire did not hurt them, and they did not come out of the furnace with the smell of fire on them. That means that you and I will not come out with the smell of the trial, with the murmuring of the trial.

There was no smell of smoke on their clothes. Not a single hair was singed! Not a single thing happened to them. They did not express the pressure of the situation, because the situation had no control over them. The furnace was turned up seven times hotter than normal, and yet it had no power or dominion to affect their minds, their emotions, their speech, their smell, the odor of their clothes, or the look on their faces. Not a single thing could touch them. Why? Because God was in them in their situation.

Oh, it would have been so difficult for the three to face the fiery furnace without Jesus Christ. In Daniel 3:17, they said, "O, king, no matter what you do to us, it is all right with us. If God wants to deliver us, He can. But if He

doesn't deliver us, that's okay too. So, do to us as you will."

The three Hebrew boys walked by pure faith in that furnace. They never expressed any negative reaction, they just went right in. As they went inside, the king looked, his men looked, and they were amazed.

"Oh, my! The fire isn't burning them!" they must have said. "It isn't hurting them. They are just walking around in there—and there is a Fourth Man! We bound them in the furnace before we turned it on, but now they are loose." The king looked and he was amazed. He said, "Oh, surely, their God is God!" The king got a revelation of God because these boys came out of the situation without murmuring (1 Corinthians 10:10), by living in faith (2 Corinthians 5:7), with love shed abroad in their hearts (Romans 5:5), with perfect peace (Isaiah 26:3), with grace (Romans 5:21), with knowledge and wisdom (Colossians 1:9), with Jesus Christ being ministered and manifested to others (2 Corinthians 4:10).

When you come out of difficult situations with no complaining, resentment, bitterness, frustration, or mental attitude sin, but with a good countenance, people will say, "Truly, God

is their God, and their God is the true God." When you come out of situations untouched by the circumstances, unhindered by the paralytic forces of the enemy, then people will have to say that truly, Jesus Christ is the God.

God All Around

Realize that God is in you in every situation. When Paul and Silas were bound in jail at midnight, Paul knew that God was inside of Him. He knew that he could sing and praise God (Acts 16:25). He knew that God was closer to him than anyone he could see and touch. He knew that God was closer to him than anyone physical. He knew that God's breath made him alive. He knew that God's life protected him. He knew that God's providence was all around him and that Jesus was inside him, to the right, to the left, behind him, in front of him, and above him (Psalm 139).

Paul knew that God was all around him, and he had no fear. He didn't have to complain. Why should he? He was completely involved in God. He was secure in the sovereignty of an omnipresent God. He had been redeemed within by God, so he started to sing. Paul had the security of knowing that God was inside of him.

Why should I be afraid? I shouldn't be, because I have a God who will never leave me nor forsake me. In Hebrews 13:5, there are two things He said He will not do. First He said, "I will never leave thee." Can you grasp what that means? Can you comprehend it? "I will never leave thee." Never, never, *never*! This means that no matter what I say or do, He will never leave me. It is an unconditional promise.

In the meaning of the original Greek text, "never" is repeated three times for emphasis. "I will never, never, *never* leave thee." The next part of that promise is so beautiful, too. It is a revelation of the first part of the promise: "I will never forsake thee." "I will never leave thee" is a promise that He is always going to be with us. But, "I will never forsake thee" means that if you utterly go against God to forsake Him, still He would never forsake you with His life.

Can you see Paul in the situation? He is bound in jail, yet he is thinking, "Oh, God will never, never, never forsake me!" That is sovereign grace. That is sovereign love, sovereign mercy, and sovereign peace.

He will go with us always (Matthew 28:20). "No matter what happens," He said, "I will go with you always, even to the end of the world."

Knowing this, we know that every situation will reveal that God is beautiful.

Chapter Three

LIFE COMES OUT OF DEATH

I remember the funeral service for Pastor Sherm Stevens' four beautiful girls who died in a fire. I knew they were in heaven. But when I spoke at that funeral, I looked down at the four little white caskets and I was very weak because of the compassion I had for the family. I didn't think I could start the funeral that day, not because we were mourning the loss, but just because of love.

Love does not get offended, but love does get hurt and wounded. You can grieve love, but you cannot offend love. Seeing those four caskets wounded the precious love I had for those girls because it stopped our fellowship on earth.

That is, I think, the reason Jesus wept at Lazarus' grave. Though Lazarus had gone to be with the Father, Jesus realized what it meant to be separated during the interim. Love was wounded because it was separated.

Love had been wounded the day of the funeral because four precious children weren't here anymore. I was so deeply blessed when I looked down at the family because God was beautiful for that situation. Pastor Sherm had said to me, "If I put up my hand that means that God wants me to say something." So I looked, and his hand went up. I called him to the pulpit, and he gave a testimony to all the unsaved people there. Everyone there knew that God was beautiful for that situation. So that situation revealed how beautiful God is.

Can you understand this? I hope that you let God reveal how beautiful He is for situations, because that is exactly what the Lord wants to do.

I was thinking of the apostle Peter when he was being martyred, hung upside down on a cross, according to historic accounts. Peter had failed God so many times, but the last few years of his life he went into a tremendous growth and spiritual maturity. When the mob tried to crucify Peter, he said, "Don't do it with my head up, but put my head down. I am not worthy to be crucified as my Lord was."

When Peter had just a little bit of life left in him, he glorified God with a calmness and a

sweetness that only supernatural power could work inside of him. With his last words he could have said, "Oh, thank God that as many times as I failed Him, I can die for Him like this." Peter revealed in his death that God was beautiful for his situation.

God Stands with Us

In Acts 7:54-60, as Stephen was being stoned by the angry mob, he looked up and saw heaven opened to him. His prayer for his persecutors was, "Lay not this sin to their charge." Stephen saw Jesus in that situation, and Jesus was beautiful as He stood up in heaven. God stood up in heaven because one person on earth was suffering.

Think of the millions of people on earth, yet while one deacon was suffering, God was personally beautiful for that situation. Stephen did not feel the stones. He did not sense the pain. He was not fearful or afraid. He knew why he was there. Seeing Jesus, he looked up and said, "There He is! He is standing at the right hand of God" (see Acts 7:56).

When you can see that Jesus Christ is beautiful for situations, you will not blame anyone for the situation, but you will want them to be for-

given in it. When you see that Jesus is beautiful for situations, you will not blame anyone, but you will say, "Lay not this sin to their charge." You will just count it a privilege that you can see how beautiful God is for your situation.

Green with Mercy

Don't trust in the flesh, circumstances, or people. If you do, you will be like a scrub in the desert, a person who cannot see good when it comes. That person just complains, and he sees everything else but God.

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit" (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

Oh, glory to God for the man who trusts Jesus to be beautiful for situations. This man knows the Man who is in him in that situation; and he knows that God placed him in that situation. This man will reveal that Jesus is beautiful, and he will not see the heat when it comes. Why? He knows God!

The man who trusts in God will only see God's divine ability to never change. This man's leaves shall not wither, but they will continue to be green because he is planted by the waters, and his roots are spread out by the rivers. To me this means that everything I do today has a root. If my roots are spread out by the Holy Spirit, the rivers of living water keep the production of my life "green," which speaks of mercy.

Take advantage of who God is and all that the Word is and produce green, fresh living fruit. Then, even in times of drought, your life will go on producing and your fruit shall not cease. The greenness continues when there is no rain, and the sun cannot wither the fruit away.

After Stephen's death, Saul started on the road to Damascus, totally convicted by what he saw in the situation. Seeing how beautiful Stephen's God was in that situation brought Saul to the place of conviction, where God could reveal Himself. As He did so, Saul was saved.

Instead of fighting the causes, fall in love with the real cause of life. Instead of fighting the adversaries, fall in love with the One who has power over them. We must learn this lesson and get to know Jesus in the way we are supposed to know Him in our situation and reveal to peo-

ple that God is beautiful for that situation. God needs us to trust Him in every situation, proving that He is trustworthy in situations.

Gene, a member of my church, was once rushed to the hospital. He didn't have any question about why God sent him in there. He got to the hospital and he hadn't been there very long when a man he knew came in. This other man was living in fear and worry, and he needed God. Gene led him to Christ. God needed Gene to trust Him in that situation to prove that God is worthy.

God Is Equal to Every Situation

Finally, God is equal to every situation. When the woman was taken in adultery, the Pharisees were going to stone her. They had the law on their side, but she had grace on her side. They had the letter of the Scriptures on their side, but she had grace on her side. And that grace said to her, "Neither do I condemn thee; go, and sin no more" (John 8:11). Yes, she was guilty, but God's grace was equal to her guilt. He was equal to that terrible situation. Can you imagine being caught in adultery and then being brought before a group of men? Can you imagine the shame? Can you imagine her there be-

fore the Messiah? They had stones ready to kill her because that is what the Law says to do.

Jesus said, "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." The eldest down to the youngest got up and walked out.

"No one has condemned you, have they?" Jesus asked her.

She wept and said, "No man, Lord."

Jesus did not condemn her. Instead, He said, "I not only forgive you, but I will forget it as of right now." God's grace was equal to her sin and her guilt.

He is equal to meet all pains and wounds. He is equal to meet the need of sin and death, and He is equal to meet the need of fear. God is equal to meet the need of every situation.

When Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, all the demons were there and pressed Him on every side. The Son almost bled to death. Jesus feared He could not die for the sins of the world. He feared He would die prematurely, before Calvary, and Jesus cried out to the Father, "Save me."

In terrible weakness, Jesus was being attacked by millions of demons. He knew He had to make it to the Cross, and the Father heard His cry. The Father had to answer Him lest He

would die.

At Calvary, the Father would not hear the Son. Because our sins were upon Jesus, the Father would have to turn His back on Him. But, in the Garden of Gethsemane, because the Son was so fearful that He would die before He got to the Cross, the Father heard Him. God was equal to that situation. And when they put the nails in His hands and in His feet, He could say, "Father, forgive them." His grace was equal to His suffering. His mercy was equal to His pain. His faith equaled the circumstances without the Father's presence manifested there.

Even with the Father turning His back on Him, the Son's faith was equal to the pain and rejection caused by bearing our sins upon His body. The Son's faith was equal because He loved us so much. His love for the world was so strong that even with all the pain—the nails in His hands and feet, the crown of thorns pressed into His brow, His back torn up by lashes from the cat-o'-nine tails—His love for us equaled the terrible, terrible pain of the situation.

Not only was there physical punishment in the extreme sense, but also there were millions of demons attacking His mind. Satan tried to kill Jesus mentally and physically. Satan tried to end

it before He could die and voluntarily give up His life for us. Yet Jesus' love for us was real, even without God's presence or His fellowship or the Holy Spirit interceding. In His humanity, His love was real, and God was equal to that situation.

CONCLUSION

If God was equal to the situation on Calvary, how can I ever have another problem, when the resurrected, ascended God is here living His life through me and through you? He came forth from the grave after He died, proving that He was equal to the situation of death.

Jesus Christ was equal to the situation when the disciples watched Him as He ascended (Acts 1:9). In a moment He left them. He went through the air in His glorified body. He was equal to ascension and He is equal to taking us up there, positionally, where we are seated with Him right now in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). What's more, Jesus Christ will be equal to the situation when He comes back again in the clouds of the air and gathers us together to be with Him (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

God is equal to everything. He is beautiful for situations.