

## The crown of righteousness

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"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." - Romans 8:18      "Finally, there is laid for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing" - 2 Timothy 4:8      Do you feel weary, exhausted, or at times lacking the excitement that once marked the life you live? Such burdens are common among unbelievers who do not know the joy of the Lord Jesus Christ. But for Christians, our most glorious days are still ahead. Yes, life may be difficult, but the hope of being in the presence of our Lord is a joy we eagerly anticipate. The apostle Paul endured many afflictions, yet he pressed on, preaching, teaching, and writing the epistles, because he knew that the crown of righteousness awaited him, which the righteous Judge will give to all who love His appearing. This is the blessed hope of every believer who looks for the glorious return of our Lord.    Praise the Lord!