

Lesson 20
Paul's Thorn
2 Corinthians 12:1-10

I. Visions and revelations of the Lord (12:1-6)

A. The Corinthians' concern for visions (12:1)

- Paul states that it is _____ for him to boast.
- He will come to the issue of _____ that they are focused on.

B. The man in Christ (12:2-4)

1. Caught up into the third heaven (12:2)

- Paul tells of a man who was _____.

2. The nature of his revelation (12:3)

- Paul does not understand how _____.

3. The vision of Paradise (12:4)

- Paul had a vision of paradise which he was _____.

C. The basis of Paul's boasts (12:5)

- Paul will boast of such an experience in _____.
- Paul would rather focus and boast of _____.

D. What matters to Paul (12:6)

- Paul would rather speak about truth than _____.

II. Paul's thorn in the flesh (12:7-10)

A. A Thorn was given to him (12:7)

1. The purpose for the thorn (12:7a)

- It was given in case he was _____ about the revelations.

2. The description of the thorn (12:7b-c)

a. The physical nature (12:7b)

- Paul uses the word "thorn" which describes an _____.

b. The spiritual nature (12:7c)

- Paul also describes the affliction as _____.

3. The purpose restated (12:7d)

- The purpose of the affliction was to keep him from _____.

B. Paul's cry (12:8)

- Paul asked God to _____ three times.

C. The sufficiency of God's grace (12:9)

- Paul stated that the Lord told him that _____ for him.
- God's strength is made perfect in _____.

D. Paul's response (12:10)

- Because of God's grace, Paul looked forward to _____.