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Why Doesn't **GOD STOP** the Trouble in the World?

PART 2

Introduction:

Last week, for our conclusion we stated the following... When we blame God, and reject Him because of suffering, (affliction, trouble) we are doing exactly what Satan wants us to do. When God is indicted in this manner, Satan has defeated you! The only way to defeat Satan and really overcome personal hardships is to maintain your faithfulness to God in spite of them. Tonight, we will conclude with Part 2 of this lesson series with our apologetics approach to trouble.

Question # 2. Can My Suffering Produce A Positive Outcome?

(Psalm 119:71 KJV) It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

Most of the time when we suffer we never see the positive side; but instead we focus on the problems it entails. If sin is the reason to the suffering, then it makes sense why the experience wouldn't be to pleasant. But when the suffering is due to righteous living, we should learn to "joy" in our suffering.

Faithfulness in Trouble Produces Favorable Benefits For The Believer

- **IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE YOUR COMMITMENT TO GOD.**

This is not a natural reaction.....*Consider it pure Joy my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds (James 1:2 NIV)*

- The result of considering it joy will mature, perfect and complete you in Christ – so that you lack nothing.
- See also Romans 5:3-5.

NOTE: From a physical perspective, the bones and muscles in your body that endure the hardest strenuous activity become the strongest as a result. The trouble can make or break you; but you have to determine your personal outcome.

- **SUFFERING IN TROUBLE PRODUCES HUMILITY AND DEPENDENCE ON GOD.**

Gen. 50:20 *You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what I now being done, the saving of many lives.* See also 2 Corinthians 1:8-10

Suffering is an important aspect to your accomplishment because when it is finally achieved, a greater appreciation is prevalent. Suffering and hardship sometimes go hand in hand. Just think, how many of the following accomplishments would occur without hardship? Birth of a baby? Working to care for our families? Our eternal salvation? Suffering is an inherent part of everything good!

Satan sends trials to harm us, but God will make them come out in the end for our good (Romans 8:28). But this works only if we remain faithful.

Question # 3. What Assurance Do We Have Regarding Endurance in Suffering?

- I Corinthians 10:13
- Romans 8:35-39
- Psalm 34:19

These are God's **PROMISES.**

Here are some other Biblical examples ...from the aforementioned Scriptures above. The Word of God promises us that we can make it through the troubles of life. Additionally, we have these writer's testimony of God's help in trouble.

- Hebrews 12:1-4
- James 5:10-11
- 2 Timothy 1:8
- I Peter 2:19-23

Question #4 Does God Provide Blessings to Aide With Endurance? **YES, God will provide the following:**

- THE WORD OF GOD**-Romans 15:4 (NIV) For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that

through endurance and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

b) **OTHER BELIEVERS** - Galatians 6:2 (NIV) Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:3,4 - We know God comforts us; but we are encouraged to comfort others.

c) **PRAYER AND WORSHIP.**

Philippians 4:6,7 – Don't be anxious over anything, let God's peace rule in your hearts.

James 5:13 – We are commanded to worship when we are troubled...

Job 1:20 - **NOTE:** During Job's suffering he went to God in worship....in most cases we do the total opposite. We neglect worship when we face trouble because we don't feel like worshipping then.

I Peter 5:7- Cast your concerns at his feet...

d) **HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE.**

Matthew 5:10 -12 Rejoice and be glad (don't gripe and complain) when you are persecuted, because you are suffering as God's people always have. And great is your reward in heaven.

James 1:2 - Those who endure trouble are blessed and their reward is The Crown of Life

Romans 8:16-18 says we are heirs of God if we suffer with Jesus Christ. The suffering is not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed in us.

Conclusion: Trouble is no fun and none of us enjoy it. Everything that happens in our lives is divinely supervised. God will never allow anything to destroy us, but He always permits life's experiences to tutor us and teach us how to better serve Him and one another. Life's greatest impressions are developed through our troubles – they leave indelible marks to build character and strengthen our faith.

~ Read and Meditate on These Scriptures This week ~

Thursday - 2 Cor. 4:16, 17;
Friday 2 -Tim. 1:11, 12; 2:12;
Saturday - 1 Peter 1:3-7; 4:13