

## **LESSON 12: TRIALS IN LIFE**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Some men are really good at speaking and can talk people out of the truth simply with their words. An example of this is many of the TV preachers today. They are great at rhetoric, but can lead masses away from the truth. The common basis of their teachings is that if you have faith in Jesus then you will never have any money problems, health problems, or trials in your life. These preachers sometimes also speak heresy by trying to add things to the gospel. Some believe that Jesus Christ died to suffer in hell to pay penalty for our sins. Paul clearly states that if you add anything to the blood of Jesus Christ then you are guilty of heresy and are cursed by God. It is important to not be swayed by great speakers, but cling to the truth of God's Word. Today, we are going to look into what Scripture has to say about trials in our lives.

### **TRIALS**

**Read James 1:2-4**

- ▶ What do these verses say about trials?

**Read Hebrews 12:2**

- ▶ How do we handle the trials in our lives?

### **PURPOSE OF TRIALS**

**Read Proverbs 17:3 and Psalm 66**

- ▶ Why do we go through trials?

**Read Romans 5:1-4, Romans 8:18, and Ephesians 2:4-7**

- ▶ What do these verses say about the reason for trials?

### **IS THERE A LIMIT TO OUR SUFFERING?**

**Read Genesis 15:13**

- ▶ Is there a limit to our suffering?

**Read Genesis 50:19-21**

- ▶ How can our trials change our lives?
- ▶ What two truths regarding trials are illustrated in these verses?

### **CAUSES OF TRIALS**

**Read Matthew 24:9 and James 5:13-15**

- ▶ What are some of the causes of trials?

### **WHEN TRIALS SEEM TO OVERCOME US**

There are times in our lives when trials are so painful and difficult that it seems impossible to utilize your faith. God has a special way of handling this.

#### **Read Romans 8:26-28**

- ▶ What do we do when we cannot seem to withstand the trial?

### **CONCLUSION**

All Christians will face trials for various reasons. We will not have joy in the trial, but in the coming joy promised by God. There is a time frame for our trials, and no matter how bad they are we cannot lose our faith because the Holy Spirit will intercede for us. Ultimately, we will endure the trial and God will show us His goodness by blessing us and others, while bringing us to greater maturity in Christ.