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Bible Study: Thursday, January 31, 2019.

TOPIC: Temptation, Trials, Tribulation and Persecution Part 3

REASONS FOR TRIALS

1. Job's case? What was God's aim and what was the devil's aim? Job 1:7-11, Job 42:10-11. (In this scenario, we will see that God is like a teacher and a coach while the devil is a taskmaster)
2. God often allows the devil to try us or to prove us. Psalm 34:19, Job 1:7-11, II Tim 3:12
3. God has Sufficient grace to sustain us through trials: 2 Cor 12:8-9, James 1:12, II Cor 4:8-10, Isaiah 43:2,
4. Trials could be an instrument of humility, a staff that could turn us back to God. II Cor 12:1-7,
5. Trials could be an instrument that will make you understand God and appreciate His strength: I Sam 30:1-6
6. Trials strengthens the church and teaches us obedience. Heb 5:8
7. God wants to do you good at a later end. Deut 8:16.

HOW SHOULD A CHRISTIAN HANDLE TRIALS

Text: Gen 39: 1-23

Examine yourself: Gen 40: 14-15, I Peter 4:15-16, I Cor 11:28, II Cor 13:5

Handle trials with joy: Rom 5:3, James 1:2-4, Acts 5:41, Matthew 5:10-13

Patience: Psalm 30:5, Heb 10:36.

Lean on your friends: Gen 40:14-15, Job 2:11-13, Ecc 4:9-12

What are the advantages of enduring trials: II Tim 2:3-5,10, II Cor 4:6, Psalm 66:12, Heb 12: 11, Rom 8:18

CONCLUSION: We are safe in God's hands. We should not live a life of fear when we are in God's hands. Trials and afflictions may come but be rest assured that God is not leaving you in this trial to destroy you. He will make a way of escape. If He is the trigger of our challenge, He will ensure that the devil does not take us beyond what we can handle. We must develop sufficient resistance to withstand any challenge because you may not know if your trial is by God or the devil.

Do not go hunting for trials