

“...in the World You have Tribulation”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

John 16:28-33

I. Three Promises for Those Who are Suffering

A. Though We Grieve, We Hope

1. Not one of us in this room is living the life we scripted when we were younger...
 - a. We had our dreams and our hopes. We made our plans and followed our budgets. But life entered in...

Proverbs 16:9

- b. Does this mean it is God who brings all the pain, anguish and suffering into our world?!

Job 1:8, 12; 2:6

2 Samuel 12:14

Matthew 27:5

Acts 7:60

- c. What many don't want to admit, if GOD allows free will, He is the blame for all the world's tribulation!

Job 13:15

1 Peter 2:21-23

1 Peter 3:18

B. Our Pain has a Purpose

1. Typically we don't see any earthly good coming from our problems and tribulations.
 - a. The “good” may be as straight-forward as the purpose is to get us to stop sinning!

John 5:14

- b. Or tribulation's purpose may be to get us humble ourselves before God and to start doing His will.

Hebrews 12:11

- c. When we learn the lessons God is teaching, we now have a responsibility to help others learn them.

Psalm 51:12-13

Luke 22:32

Romans 8:28

Galatians 6:2

C. All Our Suffering Will End One Day

- 1. If it wasn't for Jesus, all of our suffering would just be a glimpse of what we will experience in eternity!
 - a. But because of His suffering for us, we know our suffering will end one day...

Hebrews 12:2

Matthew 25:21, 23

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

- b. But if we refuse to learn the lessons tribulation can teach us we face an eternity too terrible to imagine!

Matthew 25:30

Revelation 20:12, 15

CONCLUSIONS:

Romans 8:34-35

Galatians 3:26-27

1 Peter 3:21