

"GOD sees YOU ... Standing in the FIRE!"

- A Study of the Biblical view of Suffering & Fiery Trials! (KJV/NJKV)



7 REASONS THAT GOD ALLOWS SUFFERING & FIERY TRIALS



1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “¹⁸In e_____ thing give t_____: for this is the w____ of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

1. PERFECTION OF OUR SINFUL CHARACTERS:

James 1:2-4 – “²Count it all j____ when you fall into diverse t_____; ³Knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience.* ⁴But let patience* have her perfect work, that ye may be **perfect** and entire, wanting nothing. (*perseverance/endurance)

James 1:12,13 – ¹²Blessed is the man that e_____ temptation: for when he is t____, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.

¹³Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts He any man.

James 1:17 – ¹⁷Every g____ gift and every p____ gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

2. PERMANENTLY STRENGTHENED BY GOD:

1 Peter 5:8 – “⁸Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the d_____ walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may d_____. (Hebrews 2:14 – Satan has the ‘power of death’).

1 Peter 5:9,10 – ⁹Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.” NKJV

3. PERSECUTION (Standing in the Fire) FOLLOWS A GODLY LIFESTYLE:

2 Tim. 3:12 – “¹²All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall s_____ persecution.”

Daniel 3:25 – “²⁵I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the f____; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the S____ of God.”

4. PARTNERSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST IN ‘SHARING HIS SUFFERINGS’:

Phil. 3:10 – “¹⁰That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the f_____ of his **sufferings**, being made conformable unto his death...”

1 Peter 4:12,13 – “¹²Beloved, think it not s_____ concerning the fiery t_____ which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. ¹³But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are **p_____ of Christ's sufferings**; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”

5. THE PARTAKER OF SUFFERING WILL GIVE 'GLORY TO GOD':

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “¹⁸In every thing **give thanks**: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

1 Peter 4:16 – “¹⁶Yet if any man **s_____ as a Christian**, let him not be ashamed; but let him **g_____ God** on this behalf.”

1 Peter 1:7 – “⁷That the **t_____ of your f_____** ... with fire, might be found unto **praise and honour** and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”

6. PURIFICATION & PURGING OF OUR SINFUL LIFE:

Isaiah 48:10 – “¹⁰Behold, I have **r_____ you** ... I have tested you in the **furnace of affliction**.”

Malachi 3:3 – “³And He shall sit as a refiner and **p_____** ... and purge them as gold & silver.”

Titus 2:14 – “¹⁴That He might **redeem us** and **purify** unto Himself a peculiar (special) people.”

7. POWERFUL FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST DEVELOPED:

Gen. 50:20 – “²⁰But as for you, you meant **e_____** against me; but God meant it for **g_____**.”

Job 13:15 – “¹⁵Though he **s_____ me**, yet will I **t_____ Him**.”

Romans 8:18 – “¹⁸For I reckon that the **s_____** of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

***** PRECIOUS PROMISES OF PROTECTION & DELIVERANCE:**

Isaiah 43:2 – “²When you walk through the **fire**, you shall not be burned...” (nor scorched).

Romans 8:28 – “²⁸For we know that **all things** work together **for good** to them that love God...”

1 Cor. 10:13 – “¹³...but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be **tempted beyond** what you are able, but with the temptation will also make a **way of escape**, that you may be able to bear it.”

Daniel 12:1 – “¹And at that time shall **Michael stand up** ... and thy people **shall be delivered**.”

God's Response to our Human Suffering:

“I see you standing in the Fire
Standing on the Word
Remembering My Call
I see you standing, standing
I see you standing, Tall!”

Man's Response to our God in Daniel 12:1,2

“I see Him standing in the Heavenly Temple
Standing up for us
Hearing all our calls!
I see Him standing, standing
I see Him standing tall
And He's answering our Call!”



PURIFICATION
in the Furnace of Affliction