



WHEN LIFE IS TOUGH

Why Being Heavenly-Minded Does a World of Good

Part 1 - Romans 8:18

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*For I consider
that the sufferings
of this present
time are not worth
comparing with
the glory that is to
be revealed to us.
(ESV)*

1. Don't _____ (v.18b)

2. Get _____ (v.18c)

3. Keep _____ (v.18a)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. What is revealed about a person's view of God when after experiencing a painful season of life he or she says, "I lost my faith"?
2. In what way will a careful study of God's word adjust an individual's expectations regarding this life, especially if that person has been fed on teaching that consists of trite Christian platitudes or "wealth & health" sermons?
3. Read **Hebrews 12:1-2**. How do these verses provide a template for our minds as we encounter painful situations?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 4:7-10**. How have painful trials deepened your intimacy with God?
5. Read **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**. What practical steps can you take to keep your focus on eternity?
6. Read **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**. Who do you know that is hurting? How can you draw from your past painful experiences to comfort them?

The Compass "Bible Reading" Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (*Reading Plans: Through the Bible*) for schedule prompts.

May 2nd

1Kgs.3-5 & Lk.23:1-26

May 3rd

1Kgs.6-7 & Lk.23:27-38

May 4th

1Kgs.8-9 & Lk.23:39-56

May 5th

1Kgs.10-11 & Lk.24:1-35

May 6th

1Kgs.12-13 & Lk.24:36-53

May 7th

1Kgs.14-15 & Jn.1:1-28

May 8th

1Kgs.16-18 & Jn.1:29-51

May 9th

1Kgs.19-20 & Jn.2

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 0927 – **Taking Hold of a New Perspective on our Problems**

CD # 0724 – **Looking Past the Pain to the Prize**

CD # 0839 – **Where's the Promised "Peace on Earth"**

CD # 0234 – **Why God Doesn't Make All Your New Years "Happy"**

CD # 0222 - 0223 – **When Life Takes a Left Turn** (a two-part series on perspective)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon.

Bennett, Arthur. **The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions**. Banner of Truth, 1997.

Bridges, Jerry. **Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts**. NavPress, 1988.

Carson, D. A. **How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990.

Feinberg, John A. **Deceived by God? A Journey Through Suffering**. Crossway Books, 1997.

Geisler, Norman. **The Roots of Evil**. Zondervan, 1978.

Hutchinson, John C. **Thinking Right When Things Go Wrong**. Kregel, 2005.

Lewis, C. S. **The Problem of Pain**. Macmillan Publishing, 1962.

Lewis, C.S. **A Grief Observed**. HarperOne, 2001.

McGrath, Alister. **Suffering & God**. Zondervan, 1995.

Nash, Ronald H. **When a Baby Dies: Answers to Comfort Grieving Parents**. Zondervan, 1999.

Plantinga, Alvin. **God, Freedom, and Evil**. Eerdmans, 1974.

Robinson, Haddon. **Grief: Comfort for Those Who Grieve and Those Who Want to Help**. Discovery House, 2009.

Swindoll, Charles R. **For Those Who Hurt**. Zondervan, 1977.