



1. Expect _____ (v.4)

Luke 12:4 "I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. 5 But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! 6 Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. 7 Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows. (ESV)

2. Never _____ (v.6)

3. Be _____ (v.7)

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. Read **Matthew 24:6-8** and **2 Timothy 3:1-4**. What are the disadvantages and some potential problems that may arise from failing to understand this forecast?
2. Read **1 Peter 4:12-14** and **Hebrews 2:10**. What are some of the benefits you have derived from what you have suffered?
3. Read **Joshua 1:9** and **Hebrews 13:5-6**. What can you do to help maintain a conscious awareness of God's presence and concern during situations that are frightening?
4. Read **Isaiah 35:4** and **2 Thessalonians 1:5-10**. How can the knowledge of your future vindication and God's justice alter your attitude and perspective amid unjust suffering?
5. Read **Proverbs 28:1**. Besides God's presence, what is true about God's people that should lead them to possess a markedly distinct courage and fearlessness in this world?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

November 22nd
Ezk.27-28 & Jms.4
November 23rd
Ezk.29-31 & Jms.5
November 24th
Ezk.32-33 & 1Pt.1
November 25th
Ezk.34-35 & 1Pt.2
November 26th
Ezk.36-37 & 1Pt.3
November 27th
Ezk.38-39 & 1Pt.4
November 28th
Ezk.40 & 1Pt.5
November 29th
Ezk.41-42 & 2Pt.1

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 10-12 – **Hope and Help from the God Who Raises the Dead**
Msg. 00-27 – **If God is So Good, Why's the World So Bad?**
Msg. 10-21 – **Invariable Love in a Changing World**
Msg. 14-17 – **Lifelines: For Tough Times**
Msg. 07-05 – **Motivated by Christ's Rewards at His Return**
Msg. 07-21 – **Trusting God When Your Back's Against the Wall**
Msg. 08-59 – **The Theodicy of God**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **If God is Good: Faith in the Midst of Suffering and Evil**. Multnomah Books, 2014.
Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **The Cost of Discipleship**. SCM Press Ltd., 1959.
Calvin, John. **Faith Unfeigned**. Translated by Robert White. Banner of Truth, 2010
Carson, D. A. **How Long O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990.
Cosby, Brian H. **Suffering and Sovereignty: John Flavel and the Puritans on Afflictive Providence**. RH Books, 2012.
Fabarez, Mike. **Lifelines for Tough Times: God's Presence and Help When You Hurt**. Harvest House, 2014.
Foxye, John. **Foxye's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.
Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century**. Baker Books, 1996.
Lewis, C.S. **The Problem of Pain**. Macmillan Publishing, 1962.
MacArthur, John. **Anxious for Nothing: God Cares for the Cares of Your Soul**. Victor Books, 2006.
Morgan, Christopher. **Suffering and the Goodness of God**. Crossway, 2008.
Piper, John & Justin Taylor, eds. **Suffering and the Sovereignty of God**. Crossway, 2006.
Poole, Garry. **How Could God Allow Suffering and Evil?** Zondervan, 1998.
Sproul, R. C. **Surprised by Suffering: The Role of Pain and Death in the Christian Life**. Reformation Trust, 2009.
Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.