

Lesson Notes:

Why God Allows Trials in our Life

All of us will face trials in our life. Trials are God's way of measuring us. It's how we respond to those trials that determines our character and fortitude.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **Untried Faith is Unproven Faith?** – As a test of our faith so that we can truly give him praise, honor and glory. – **1 Peter 1:3-9; Romans 12:2** – God wants you to prove the “quality” of your faith.
- 2) **When he sends affliction into our life he has a unique plan for our life.** – **Romans 8:28; 2 Timothy 1: 8-9** – Paul tells us in Romans and in second Timothy that God has called us to a “purpose”. For many of us to fulfill that purpose he has to strengthen us by “fire” so that we can successfully fulfill his desires for us.
- 3) **We are actually predestined and called to his purpose** – Paul tells us in **Ephesians 1:10-12** and in **Romans 8:28** that as followers of Christ God has a purpose for our lives. We need to keep this in mind when we feel life's trials are overbearing..
- 4) **God will never put you through something you cannot endure. - 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Peter 2:9** – Paul and Peter both promise us that God will never test us beyond our endurance. He knows what we can endure as he made us.
- 5) **Through these trials he is transforming you to the image of his son.** – **Romans 8:29;** – Paul tells us in Romans that God is actually molding us in the image of his son Christ Jesus.
- 6) **God created Man and Woman in his own image. Doesn't it make sense that he would strengthen us to better reflect his image? - Genesis 1:27; 1 Corinthians 11:7** – As Gold is purified the impurities are burnt off until we can see our own image in the Gold. God does this with those that are called according to his purpose. He burns out the impurities until he can see his own image in us.
- 7) **God measures us by how we respond.** – **Matthew 25:14-30** – In addition, we will be given greater responsibilities in Heaven if we can “measure up” and fulfill the purpose he has for us here on earth.