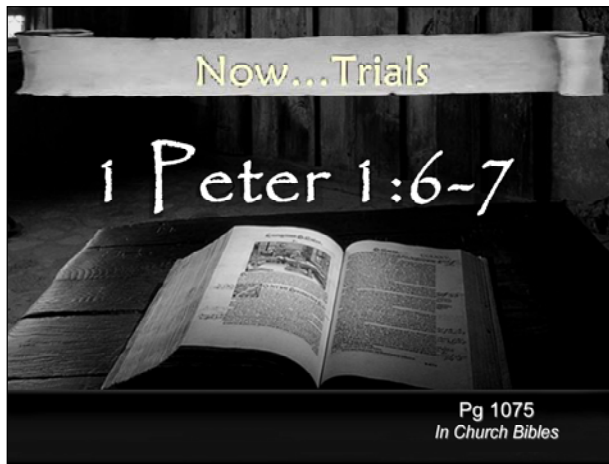




Open to 1 Peter 1:6-7

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Notes for 1 Peter 1:6-7

The Basic Outline for this Study is as follows

Intro – Deep calls unto Deep..what does it mean when we sing? Taken from Ps 42

Picture of trials – bowling us over one after the next....do you know the feeling?

Trials...are the subject of our study this morning

Catching up with Context

1 Peter 1:3-5 – Our amazing living hope in Heaven....of heaven

In this hope – we greatly rejoice – in our heavenly hope

Now...until heaven...different story

Various trials – of all shapes, sizes, kinds and more....true

1) Our Trials are Brief

- Limited in this life. Often come in seasons...and next to eternity – nothing
- In Trial today? This will pass...it will pass...only a little while

2) Our Trials are Needed

- Never would God allow us to face trials unnecessarily, without purpose
- What purpose? Here does not say....in Scripture – dozens of purposes
- Help us, purify us, discipline, protect, for self, for others...for God...and more
- Yet the simple point here....is if we are in a trial – has purpose

3) Our Trials are Painful

- As talk about limited and purposeful trials – cannot mistake or make light
- Trials hurt...we experience all the pain non Christians do...and more
- Are you grieved by Trials – don't be disheartened...normal, right

4) Our Trials are Proving

- Like Gold that is purified
- Validates our faith. Great love to us that God does – saved...and unsaved
- Declares our faith. It is through Trials our faith is best broadcast

5) Our Trials are Good

- Working good in us...like refining of Gold – bringing value, worth
- Can be pleasing to the Lord. If we face trials right, earn for us blessing
- When we see God...hear His pleasure – lived well...like Him

The following pages are notes – connected to the PowerPoint Slides we show during the message. On the left top, you will see the PowerPoint Slide that is shown. On the left bottom, the verse in 1 Peter is listed. On the right, notes that follow along with the slides. This is a different way of doing sermon notes, and it might be hard to follow...but I hope not. The above outline is what we are teaching – the notes that follow is the process. May it be helpful is our prayer!

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Let the pain and the sorrow
be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep

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Question for you: Do you pay attention to the words you sing?

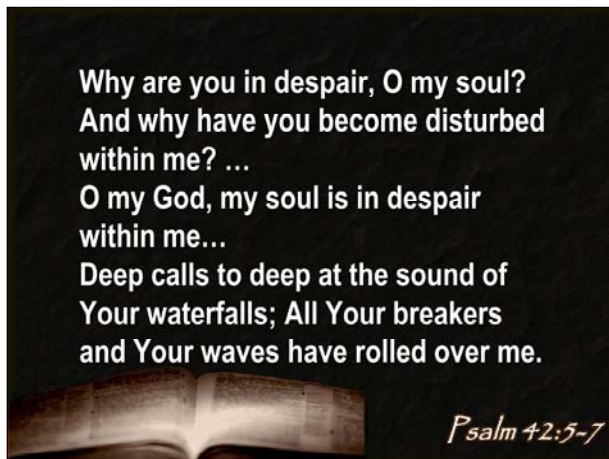
Wonder how often our minds are on autopilot

Wonder how often we are not even aware of what we are saying

Example – moment ago – sang

“As deep cries out to deep”. What did you just sing? What does it mean?

3



Why are you in despair, O my soul?
And why have you become disturbed
within me? ...
O my God, my soul is in despair
within me...
Deep calls to deep at the sound of
Your waterfalls; All Your breakers
and Your waves have rolled over me.

Psalm 42:5-7

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From Psalm 42 – speaks of time of confusion, despair

Deep to deep – picture of waves of water – crashing over you one after another...

Has it happened to you? At ocean, wave knocks you off your feet, as you struggle to find your way up...another wave, and another...spinning you around. Know the feeling? Confusion, panic. That is what this is....

It is such reality, want to see today

4

Greatly Rejoice ...Heavenly Hope
Though NowUntil Heaven
Various Trials.....Trials in all
shapes, sizes,
flavors & types

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First...a little context.
Really still at the beginning of the letter of first Peter (tho 5th study)
Begun by addressing believers and reminding us of our heavenly hope.
(look at v.3-5)

In that hope – we greatly rejoice,
true, should, should grow
Now...until heaven
We face and will face Trials,
various

- true persecution was coming on that church then...
- yet their trials would be many more – from all kinds of places
- yours are as well. Emotional, physical, financial, personal, social...etc

5

These things I have spoken to you,
that in Me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation;
but be of good cheer, I have
overcome the world.

John 16:33

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Jesus told us specifically – in this world – trials would be a part of our life...can have peace in Him, but is not the absence of trials

6

strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

Acts 14:22

In early church – went around strengthening new believers – trials are normal – pass through many

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that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this. For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know.

1 Thessalonians 3:3-4

Paul wrote it this way....know that trials are normal...expected

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Our Trials are Brief



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Trials....normal. How do we see them. That is what our verses show us.

First- notice...they are brief

...though now for a little while...(1 Peter 1:6)

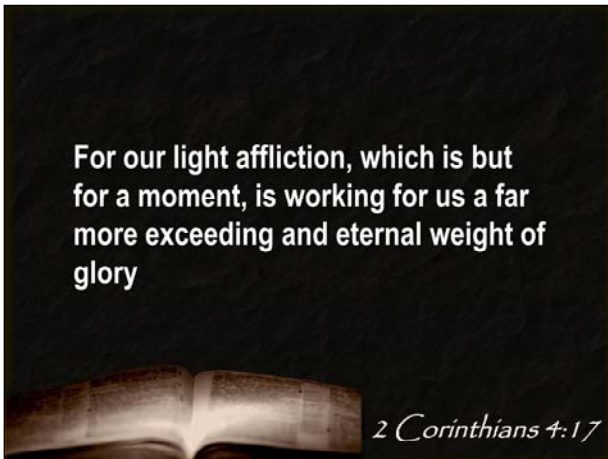
In the midst of trials – it is often hard to see...but true – trials are not eternal...not long – brief

Most of the trials we go through in life – are short. Don't last our whole life. Even trials like Jobs in the famous book, last around a year. No, don't go and be trite with this to someone in a trial...not good.

Yet, the truth is there, our trials here are brief

9

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory



2 Corinthians 4:17

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Even if our trials lasted our whole earthly life – which very few do – in the scheme of eternity...short.

There is a ray of hope for us in trials...this is not forever...it is brief...it will pass

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**Our Trials are Brief
Our Trials are Needed**



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Secondly, our trials are needed
...if need be.. (1 Peter 1:6)

Trials are not random or purposeless.

Christian, if God allows us to go through a trial – it has a purpose.

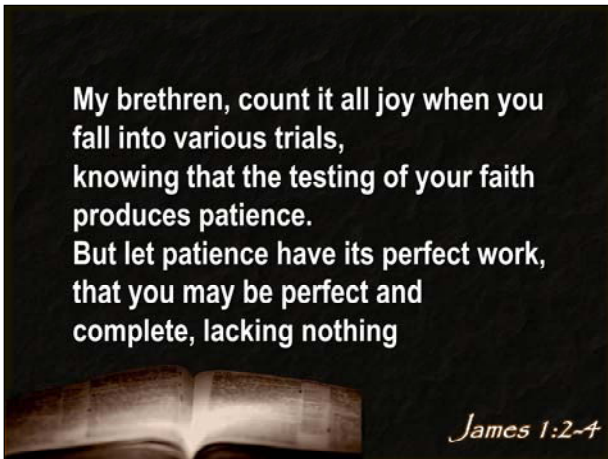
What purpose? Dozens listed in scripture

- discipline, cleansing, preventative, growing, humbling, purging and more

- instead of chasing those rabbits, want you to hear the point – if you are in a trail...has a reason

11

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing



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We should be excited – count trials a good thing – knowing it has a point

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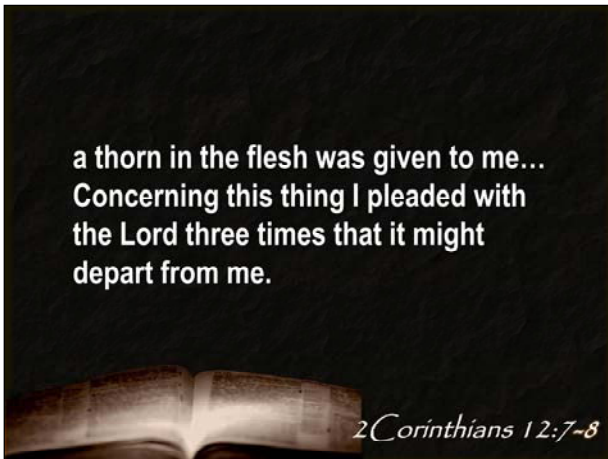
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Again – the point – if you are in a trial – it is needed.

Now, don't misunderstand – this is not “karma” or just accepting everything. The Biblical example is that we should pray about things in our life...

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a thorn in the flesh was given to me...
Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.



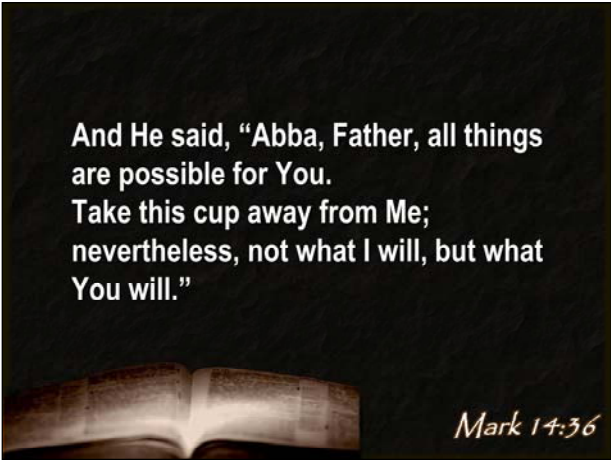
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What was the thorn? Physical, spiritual, circumstantial? Doesn't say...leaves vague – makes it apply to all...to you

Paul prayed for it to go away...and so can you...should you He prayed till he got an answer...which for him was no

14



And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You.
Take this cup away from Me;
nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

Mark 14:36

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Jesus did the same.
Recognized God was able – all able –
so is He for you

Prayed for it to go away

Yet submitted, surrendered to the will
of God...good example for us.

There are some things God will
remove through prayer – but other
Trials, that He has us to walk
through.... "If need be".

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Our Trials are Needed
Our Trials are Painful

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Thirdly – our Trials are painful

you have been grieved by various trials, (1 Peter 1:6)

Yes trials are brief and purposeful, but
don't misunderstand – they hurt!
Some think it odd that we have pain,
wonder if s/b above it- no
If it did not hurt – would not be good.

We are not exempt from pain, we feel
the same pain in things as those who
are not Christians

We are not "Christian Scientists" who
hold to negative confession and won't
admit pain – silly, odd. Our pains hurt!
They cut us deeply...

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We are hard-pressed on every side,
yet not crushed;
we are perplexed,
but not in despair;
persecuted,
but not forsaken;
struck down,
but not destroyed

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

Notice how Paul describes the pains we feel...

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Focus on the words of pain

Hard-pressed – pressure, stressed out.
Yep, Christians get stressed in pressures, financial, circumstantial, social – pressure

Perplexed – confused, no idea what to do, where going. Even includes the idea of being embarrassed. Yep, happens to us

Persecuted – treated wrongly, repeated acts of beating us down

Struck down...knocked down in life...but not knocked out...

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For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life.

2 Corinthians 1:8

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In fact notice how Paul described it early in the same book.

Felt burdened beyond measure, too much...might cost them their lives

Simply....in Trials – it hurts. Know that – be comforted that there is nothing wrong with you that you feel their pain. They do grieve us.....

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Our Trials are Brief
Our Trials are Needed
Our Trials are Painful
Our Trials are Proving
✎ Validating our faith

Yet, 4th – Trials are proving
that the genuineness of your faith, *being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire...*(1 Peter 1:7)

One of the benefits and purposes of trials – validate or invalidate our faith. Show what is real...

Think about it through parable of the soils...

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Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.
Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

Luke 8:11-13

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Four kinds of hearing the gospel

1st – the hard – no impact

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But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

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2nd- the shallow – limited impact

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3rd – weedy – distracted impact

Now the ones that fell among thorns
are those who, when they have heard,
go out and are choked with cares,
riches, and pleasures of life, and
bring no fruit to maturity.

Luke 8:14

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4th effective impact – real- saved

But the ones that fell on the good
ground are those who, having heard
the word with a noble and good heart,
keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Luke 8:15

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But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

Matthew 13:20-21

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Point for us – the shallow, notice in Matthew’s gospel elaborated

These hear – excited, joyful, want forgiveness, heaven, life

Not real – no root in self

Trials – cause them to quit

There is grace here – time to still get right – Trials prove unsaved

Opposite is the emphasis of our text – trials cause our faith to shine out, grow – comfort us that it is real...

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- ✚ Validating our faith
- ✚ Declaring our faith

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Not only good for us – but others. It is in trials our faith shines the brightest!

Contrary to one of big lies of satan – the health and wealth gospel

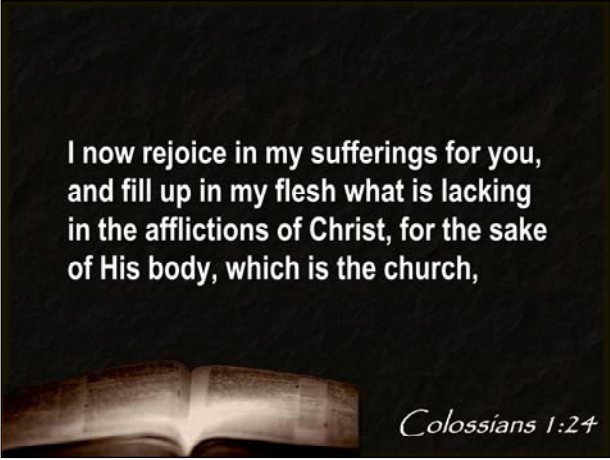
- not true – bibilically

- these feel that if we have perfect life – money, health, car – etc, people will want what we have – true...selfishly. Carnal

- greatest gospel goes for in trials

If have not heard John Piper talk of this – go to youtube.com and type in ‘you will suffer’ – excellent message

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I now rejoice in my sufferings for you,
and fill up in my flesh what is lacking
in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake
of His body, which is the church,

Colossians 1:24

In this you greatly rejoice, though now
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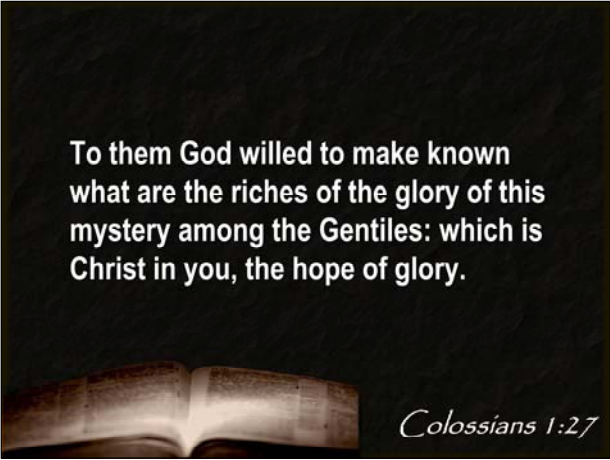
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My trials are for the sake of the
church.

Not because Jesus trials were not
enough

But it is in my trials – the message is
clearest, loudest, most real

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To them God willed to make known
what are the riches of the glory of this
mystery among the Gentiles: which is
Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:27

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Through trials - see this

Think about it – someone who has
cancer and not healed, lost job and
struggling and more – yet has
hope...joy – why?

World could see our joy over health,
wealth – nothing special

Yet in trouble – to have joy - wow

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Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God

2 Timothy 1:8

It is a call, invitation to suffer for a purpose – make gospel known

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...I suffer trouble...I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

2 Timothy 2:9-10

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Trials will be good, show others that your faith is real....

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Our Trials are Good



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Last - Trials are good, for us *may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, (1 Peter 1:7)*

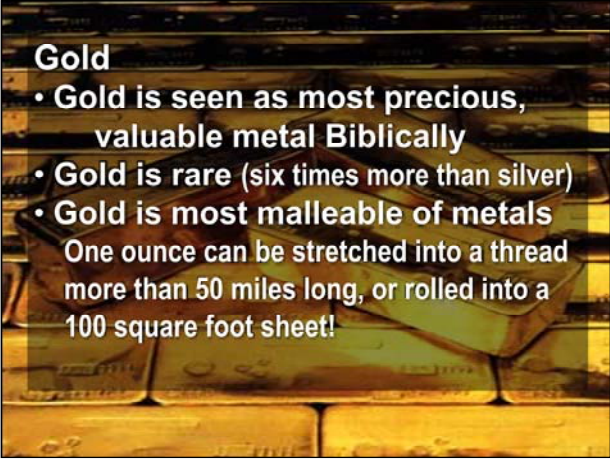
This day...when we see Him. His unveiling. (notice in v.5)

On that day – somehow, we will see how good trials have been for us...through them – there will be things that praise, honor and glory

Point – if it is praise, honor, and glory – it will be what He did in us, only things that will be this, yet trials are working this

Think about it in the picture of gold in the text...

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Gold

- Gold is seen as most precious, valuable metal Biblically
- Gold is rare (six times more than silver)
- Gold is most malleable of metals
One ounce can be stretched into a thread more than 50 miles long, or rolled into a 100 square foot sheet!

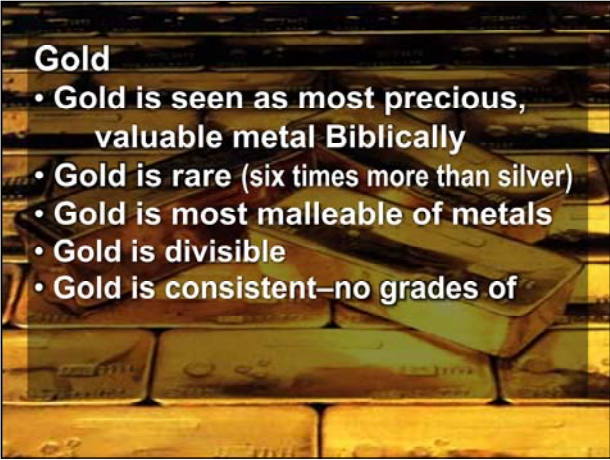
God is Biblically most valuable
Think about in Solomon's day –
silver was nothing – everything
gold.

In our world – valued....

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Karat is a measurement of the fineness of gold.

(not to be confused with carat, which is a measurement of weight.)

- One Karat is to 1/24th part of the whole.
- Pure gold is 24 karat.
- An alloy that is half gold and half other metals is 12 karat.



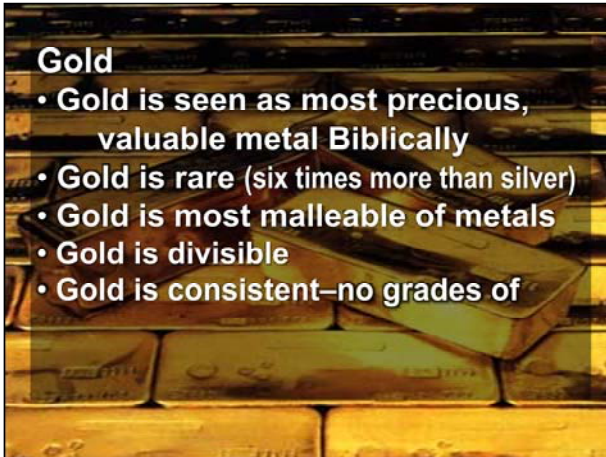
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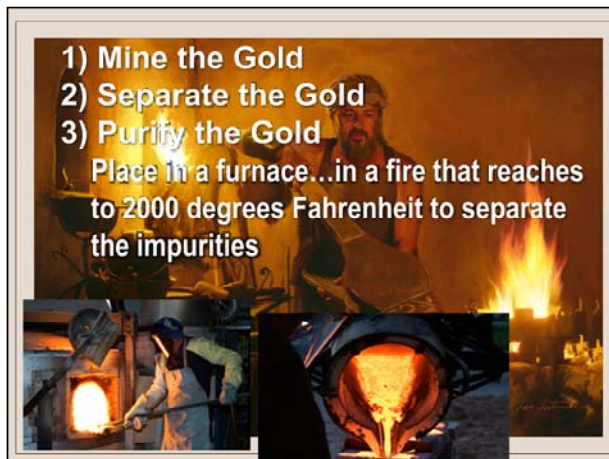
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Mine it

One ounce – two quarters in your hand....takes about 3 tons of rock

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Separate it from rock, water, etc

Purify it – chemically, or with fire
imagine it 2000 degrees....

Junk is separated – skimmed off in one fashion or another

Gold is gold – it does not change – only what it is with....get ride of impurities

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Our Trials are Brief
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↳ Working eternal good in us
↳ Imagine life as a container
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1 Peter 4:12-13

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Thus...trials are for us to help there to be more gold in us...

Imagine your life like a container – 30 gallon drum. In order to get more gold in you...more junk must go – fire purging the junk, so that God can pour in more gold. That is the point.

Notice – this is a subjective point, it is not a promise. Possible to respond to trials in a way that don't bring gold...yikes, but true. The call is to handle trials rightly

Consider 1 Peter 4:12-19

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For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake

Philippians 1:29

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Notice...trials are a gift...wow

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Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven...

Matthew 5:11-12

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Jesus told us that we are blessed

If walked through the Beatitudes with us, remember this is where it is at full boor – full Christian life will bring more trials

All those who live godly will suffer, it is a promise....the more trials purge us of ungodly stuff – the more godly we will be...and the more we will suffer

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And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

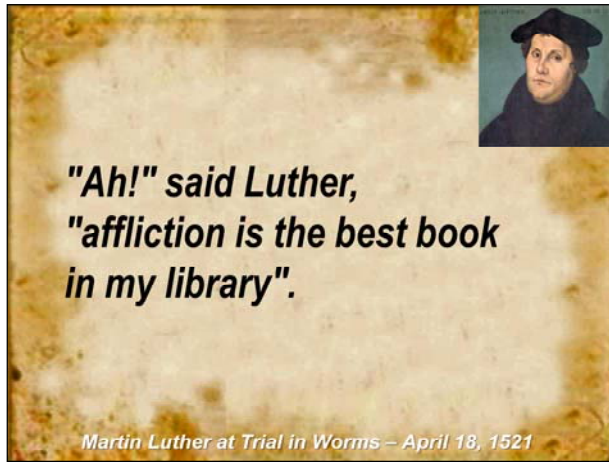
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Glory in tribulation – good for us

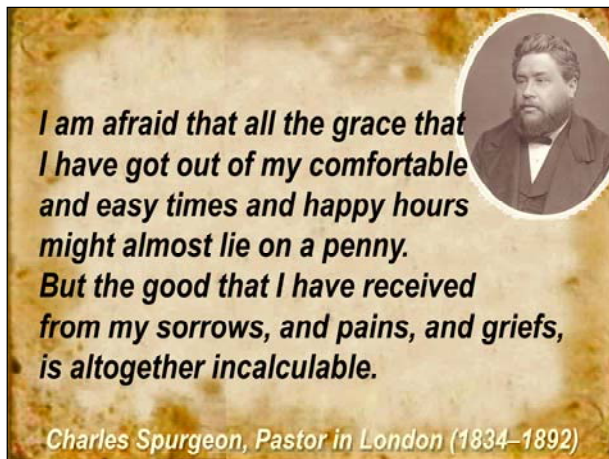
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What do I not owe to the crucible and the furnace, the bellows that have blown up the coals, and the hand which has thrust me into the heat?... I bear my witness that the worst days I have ever had have turned out to be my best days... I can bear my personal testimony that the great value of affliction and trouble.... In shunning a trial we are seeking to avoid a blessing.

Charles Spurgeon, Pastor in London (1834–1892)



Notice that last phrase – part of my point now – if we shun trials, we are seeking to avoid a blessing...

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In heavenly hope—greatly rejoice
Now...various trials
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Review....

We have a heavenly hope- awesome
But now...trials of all types

Brief...needed....painful...proving...
good

Christian...I call you to a right heart
for trails

Some of you are just came out of,
others are in...others going into
Have a Biblical view of – purpose in
– accept, want them

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As we pull to a close today, I turn my attention to those who are not Christians.

Never do I want to stand here, where I don't speak to you, give you hope Not always at end – expect....yet, helpful...close to end

If you have wandered in thought, if you have drifted and ignored much of what I have said – drug here by someone else....call you to listen now

Christians here have a heavenly hope – but you not. You have a hellish expectation

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But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.



Matthew 13:20-21

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Maybe it happened to you as Jesus described in the parable of the soils. You prayed a prayer at some even or church, excited. But it did not last – or work. Wonder if not for you.

Trials proved didn't work

God has extended you great grace in your trials – He has helped you to see that you were not saved when you repeated some human prayer.

God is not thumbing His nose at you as if you cannot be saved

He has allowed you to see your lost condition – so that you will seek real salvation....

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But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Matthew 13:23

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I call you to be good soil

Hear His Word – Jesus died, His blood (in v.2)

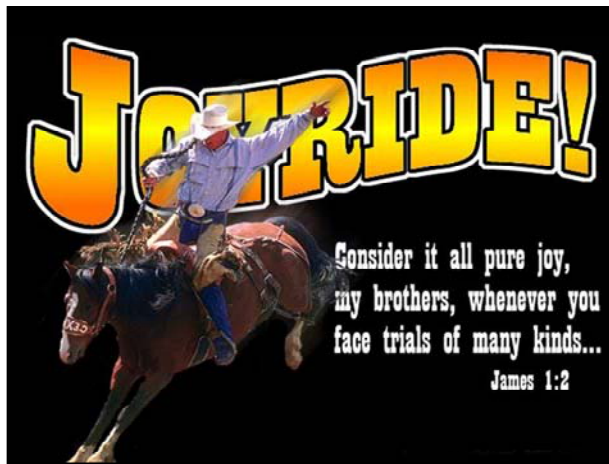
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Changing you – effective

Today, I call you to this today

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