

“How to Let Trials Have God’s Way in Me”

Making the Most of Trials

You need to prepare for future trials today and let trials have God’s way in you.

The “Test of Rest” in Trial

Am I at rest in my trial? (Ja. 1:1-5,12; Ro. 5:3-5; 1 Pet. 4:12-13). If not (or if you are!), you need the following points.

#1 Know that you are your own worst enemy.

Your heart is most deceitful (Jeremiah 17:9) and pride cuts us off from God. Humble yourself to get grace (Ja. 4:6-7).

#2 Make God’s glory your goal.

God's glory is His ultimate goal in everything. His glory is what is most beneficial for us.

- God’s glory: His focus in the Exodus (Ex. 14:4)
- God’s glory: His focus in bringing Israel back from Babylon (Isa. 43:6-7)
- God’s glory: His focus in our salvation in Christ! (Eph. 1:5-6)

...But I can’t do this!

Exactly! Confess your need to “decrease” in humility (John 3:30; 1 Pet. 5:6) to receive grace. And, if you do, by God’s grace, you’ll be *blessed* (i.e., “spiritually prosperous”; Ja. 5:10-11; Matt. 5:3-5).

#3 Focus on Christ and His work.

For the unbeliever or the believer. Trials encourage us to repent toward God. For the unbeliever, for eternal *salvation* (Luke. 13:1-5) and for the believer for *sanctification* (i.e., “growth in godliness”; 2 Co. 4:16-18; Ro. 5:3-5; 8:18-21).

...And God Cares For You!

God cares about your sanctification, but He also cares about *you*! (Heb. 4:14-16).

He is gracious and compassionate toward you (Ex. 34:6; 2 Chron. 30:9; Neh. 9:17; Ps. 103:8; 111:4; 112:4; 116:5; Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2)

#4 Know God in your trials.

Meditate on God in His Word (unlimited in power, Jer. 32:17; that power is *toward you*, Eph. 1:18-20; He is unlimited in love *toward you*, Jer. 31:3) and pray (1 Pet. 5:7; Ps. 55:22; Phil. 4:6-7).