

THE PURPOSE FOR TRIALS

HEBREWS 10: SERMON 4

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HEBREWS 10:32-39

- 32** Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ. Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering.
- 33** Sometimes you were exposed to public ridicule and were beaten, and sometimes you helped others who were suffering the same things.
- 34** You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever.

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- 35 So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!
- 36 Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.
- 37 "For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay.

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38 And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away.”

39 But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.

I. TRIALS PROVE GENUINE FAITH.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:5 (NLT)

“Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.”

1 PETER 1:7 (NLT)

“These trials will show that your faith is genuine...”

2 PETER 2:22 (NLT)

22 They prove the truth of this proverb: “A dog returns to its vomit.” And another says, “A washed pig returns to the mud.”

II. TRIALS PRUNE ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS

1 PETER 1:9 (NLT)

“The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.”

III. TRIALS PROMOTE SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN FAITH AND MATURITY.

JAMES 1:2-4 (NLT)

- 2**”Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.
- 3** For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.
- 4** So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.”