

"Perspective on Suffering" Daniel 3

The three Hebrews bravely decided that they would SUFFER rather than deny their faith in God. Twenty-six centuries later their example inspires us, and we learn about God's purposes for suffering.

1. Suffering and the Fire of Adversity are _____.

V.14-23 Romans 5:3-5

- A. SO ... Choose to _____ rather that grow bitter. **Rom. 5:3**
- B. Let it _____ and _____ you. **Rom. 5:3**
- C. Let it build the _____ of the Lord Jesus. **Rom. 5:4**
- D. Let it teach you to look at every situation with _____. **Rom. 5:5**
- E. Let it produce _____ for Him and others. **Rom. 5:5**

2. The GOOD NEWS is in the long run, affliction only _____
_____ **V.25**

- Without testing – there will be NO _____.
- Without loss – you will never learn to _____.
- Without offense – you will never learn to give _____.
- Without being crushed – you will never know God's _____.
- Without pressure – there will be NO _____.

"I owe everything to the furnace, hammer, and file. The best peace of furniture in my house has been the Cross. My greatest enabler has been personal pain, and for that I thank GOD I can sing with the poet:

'God in Israel sows the seeds of affliction, pain, and trial.
These spring up and choke the weeds which would else
overspread the soil.

Trials make the promise sweet;

Trials give new life to prayer;

Lay me low, and keep me there.' "

- **Charles Spurgeon** – from "Beside Still Waters"

*** (if _____ !)**

3. The MOST IMPORTANT thing to gain from this is that JESUS
_____ in the midst of every trial.

V.24-25 Matthew 28:20, Joshua 1:9

4. There is _____ awaiting you for your
_____ during hardship. **V.30** Psalm 75:6