

HANDLING PROBLEMS AND TRIALS

1 Peter 4:12-13; 16

God allows fiery trials to come to our lives to test us so we shouldn't be amazed. Those heated trials can be a time of purifying like the fire by which metals are tested. If we are being persecuted for our faith He will send His strength and grace. It is not a shameful matter to suffer for being a Christian. When Peter and John were persecuted they rejoiced because it was the mark of God's approval of their endeavors (Acts 5:41).

Isaiah 43:2

No matter what we go through God promises to be with us. Don't try to go through them on your own. He will strengthen and protect.

Psalms 31:1-5; 7-8

During a time of distress the Psalmist cries out to the Lord whom he knows can save him. As he cries out to God his plea also rests in the confidence of God to hear and help him. In doing so he committed his life into the hands of God. This prayer is a pattern of how we too need to approach God during trials...share our feelings and our requests but remaining submitted with confidence that God will be our deliverer in whatever manner He chooses...knowing He will not hand us over to the enemy (verse 8)

Psalms 69:14-18

No matter the number of times David faced his problems and trials he still turned to God for his deliverance and help. He knew God to always be faithful by hearing him and coming to his rescue.

Psalms 34:17-19

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their distresses and troubles.

Psalms 55:22

What a promise!

²²Cast your burden on the Lord [releasing the weight of it] and He will sustain you; He will never allow the [consistently] righteous to be moved (made to slip, fall, or fail). (Amp)

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

The treasure of God's truths we have to hold on to and can be a part of us. We carry this message around in us and can be an encouragement not only to ourselves but to others who need to hear as well. No matter what we face, we are never at the end of hope in Christ for He will never abandon us.

1 Peter 5:7

Don't even try to carry all your cares on your own. By casting them all upon Him shows our trust in His care. He wants us to do this because He cares deeply for each of us and for all our concerns in this life.