

**Reading:** I Peter 1:1-9

**Topic:** Why Can't Everything  
Always Go Well In My Life?

**INTRODUCTION:** The dream of everyone is to have a \_\_\_\_\_ without any problems, troubles or opposition, especially the \_\_\_\_\_ of God but in reality, nobody has such a life here on earth.

## I. THE EXAMPLE OF ISRAEL:

### A. The People of God:

1. In the Old Testament, the people of Israel were the chosen \_\_\_\_\_ of God to represent His name in the \_\_\_\_\_, and the hand of the Lord was upon them. Deut. 7:6,7
2. God protected them and defended them from many of their \_\_\_\_\_ who were bigger and stronger than they were, and God \_\_\_\_\_ for their needs miraculously. Deut 7:17,18

### B. Their Weakness:

1. Unfortunately, the children of Israel had a weakness for desiring to be like all of the other \_\_\_\_\_ around them even though God warned them not to \_\_\_\_\_ after the ways of the wicked. I Sam. 8:4-7
2. When they inherited the Promised Land, just before they entered, Moses gave his farewell \_\_\_\_\_ to the people and it was a direct \_\_\_\_\_ to not forget to keep God first in their lives. Dt. 8:7-14
3. Sadly, the people of God did exactly what they were \_\_\_\_\_ by Moses not to do and when they got into the Promised Land and got many \_\_\_\_\_, they forgot God and turned to the world. Ps. 106:34  
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### C. Troubles Bring Them Back To God:

1. When the people drifted away from God and began to \_\_\_\_\_ the practices of the wicked nations around them, God permitted \_\_\_\_\_ to come to His people. Ps. 78:34,35
2. God left some enemies in the land who were always around to \_\_\_\_\_ and distress His people but it caused them to turn back to the \_\_\_\_\_ and cry out to Him again. Ps. 106:39-42
3. This pattern was repeated \_\_\_\_\_ during the history of the people of Israel until they became so evil that God permitted their enemies to invade their lands and \_\_\_\_\_ their homes and take the people as captives to a strange land. Ps. 137:1

## II. THE DANGERS OF EASE:

### A. When All Goes Well:

1. Everyone likes life when everything is going \_\_\_\_\_ and when there are no problems, no opposition, the bills are all paid and there is \_\_\_\_\_ in the bank and all is well. Ps. 23:1,2
2. However, the Word of God sends out a \_\_\_\_\_ to us that being in this kind of a situation can be a dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ to be. Amos 6:1
3. Blessings and prosperity are nice to experience, but when they come without any \_\_\_\_\_, human nature tends to begin to rely upon self rather than upon the \_\_\_\_\_ who made it possible. Deut. 8:12-  
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### B. David's Mistake:

1. King David was called a man after God's own \_\_\_\_\_ and he was a faithful man who loved the Lord and served Him faithfully, but David made one big \_\_\_\_\_ that changed his life forever.

2. David decided to take it \_\_\_\_\_ and took himself out of the battles and gave himself a season of ease when others were in the battle and this decision got David into \_\_\_\_\_.
3. While in the season of ease, David fell into temptation and \_\_\_\_\_, something that would never have happened had he stayed in the \_\_\_\_\_ instead of escaping from it.

### III. WHY WE HAVE TESTS & TRIALS:

#### ***A. Jesus Said It:***

1. When we make the decision to follow Jesus, it is the best decision of our \_\_\_\_\_, and even though it may mean giving \_\_\_\_\_ some things of the world, we will gain much more. Mk. 10:28-30
2. Please notice that at the end of the list of blessings, Jesus added the \_\_\_\_\_ 'with persecutions' to let us know that along with the roses, there will also be some \_\_\_\_\_.

#### ***B. They Help Us:***

1. Jesus also promised that in this world, we, the people of God would have some \_\_\_\_\_ but in those times, we would also experience His overcoming \_\_\_\_\_ and peace. Jn. 16:33
2. When the Apostle Peter wrote his epistle, he wrote about our times of \_\_\_\_\_ but that also there are times of heaviness and they are \_\_\_\_\_ to help us grow in our faith. I Peter 1:3-6
3. When we face tests and \_\_\_\_\_, our faith is being strengthened and purified as we turn to the Lord for His wisdom and direction and when we get through it, we are not only physically \_\_\_\_\_ but we are also spiritually \_\_\_\_\_. James 1:2-4

#### ***C. Attitude Is Important:***

1. We will benefit from our tests and trials if we can realize that God is \_\_\_\_\_ things to happen to work things for our \_\_\_\_\_ in the present and in the future. Rom. 5:3-5
2. When we pass through a trial, we may not understand the \_\_\_\_\_ for it at that time, but when we get further down the road, we will look \_\_\_\_\_ and see what the Lord prepared for us. I Cor. 2:9
3. We need to ask God to help us to have the \_\_\_\_\_ attitude when we are going through our testing time so that we will benefit from the experience and enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ that are coming. I Th. 5:18

**CONCLUSION:** A fact of life is that we are going to \_\_\_\_\_ tests and trials here in this world, but in so doing, we are becoming \_\_\_\_\_ in our faith and becoming more like Jesus wants us to be.