

Trials and Difficulties

Our trials and difficulties are great opportunities. First, they help us to see ourselves by showing us where our hope is, how deep our faith is, and what exactly we are relying on. Second, they are opportunities to trust God in order to see Him work. We need to have such periodic times in our lives in order to refine our faith, it isn't fun, but it is good. Difficult times do two things: They show us ourselves and they show us God.

The Psalmist says, *"But as for me, I trust in Thee, O Lord, I say, 'Thou art my God.'"*⁽¹⁾ If God is God, and if He has saved us from our sins by giving Himself (God in flesh) whose plan of salvation has been from eternity⁽²⁾, will He now forsake us through our trials? Never for God says *"...I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you."*⁽³⁾ This does not mean that our trials won't be difficult -otherwise, we couldn't call them trials. However, God won't forsake us. This means that through our lives, through the good and bad, the Lord has not and will not forsake us. He will be with us always.⁽⁴⁾ Therefore, we need to praise Him no matter what. He is good and faithful. We may not fully understand the reasons or scope of the trial, but we can trust Him through it.

Ask yourself what is the reason for your faith? Why do you trust God and how much do you trust Him? We need to know the answers to those questions so we might better glorify God as He sanctifies us through His son Jesus.

God is faithful. Faith is only as good as who you put it in. What do you trust in?

(1) Psalm 31:14, (2) Heb. 13:20, (3) Heb. 13:5, (4) Matt. 28:20