

SUBJECT : Enduring Trying Times

BIBLE BASIS:

Lesson Scripture:

Isaiah 49:5-6;50:4-9

BIBLE TRUTH:

**Rely on God for help to persevere through
trying times**

MEMORY VERSE: READ Isaiah 50:7

LESSON AIM:

That your students will learn to persevere through
trying times like Jesus. Heb. 12:1-3

Introduction

- We have become so accustomed to living in a fallen world that we cannot imagine what nature and society will be like when Jesus returns to make all things new. The last question the disciples asked Jesus before he ascended. Acts 1:6-11.
- Our minds are conditioned to expect disappointment, destruction, disaster, and disintegration. We have come to think of our imperfect world as “normal.” Daily newscasts are filled with unspeakable crimes, immoral perversions and corrupt governments.
- We are informed of worldwide natural disaster that takes thousands of lives, airline hijackings, train derailments, automobile accidents, and bomb threats occur with distressing regularity.
- As we age, we watch an increasing number of our family die off and disappear from the earthly scene. We also see the lives of infants and youth tragically shortened by disease, violent crime, gang war, and auto accidents involving alcohol.
- The prospects of an abundant harvest of sinners for our churches, profitable business ventures, hopes of financial independence, and high yielding investments often end in failure and disappointment.
- The television and radio is a daily reminder our social, and political environment is loaded with racism, corruption and constant turmoil.
- The good news is trouble don't last always. 2Corn. 4:17-18. Ps. 34:19, Rom. 8:18, Ps. 30:5
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It's A Light Thing

- Isaiah 49:5-6 And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength. [6] And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.
- This passage represents the 2nd servant song. Isa. 42:1-7 represents the 1st servant song. This song speaks of Israel's future which in spite of the fact they were in bondage to the Babylonian rulers and suffering many things their future was bright.
- This song speaks of what the Messiah will do when he comes. He would reunite Israel with Him and deliver them from sin and rebellion. To be a light to the gentile and proclaim salvation to the nations. Matt. 28:18-20
- It is a light thing is not speaking about the weight of an object or task. It is speaking to the nature of a thing. Light represents holiness or purity, while darkness refers to sin. Jesus ministry is represented by light. Luke 2:25-32

Daily Bread

- Isaiah 50:4-6 The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. [5] The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. [6] I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.
- This passage represents the 3rd servant song. It speak to how the servant receives revelation from God to speak to those that are weary or hurting. Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceed from the mouth of God. Pro. 25:11-12, Matt. 4:4, Pro. 16:13
- When the gospel awakens ones ear do not rebel or turn back. Heb. 3:7-8, Heb.10:35
- Unlike Israel, Jesus always obey the Fathers will, even to the point of being willing to suffer ridicule and humiliation.
- Jesus allowed the religious leaders and the Romans soldiers to spit on Him, strike Him, and mock him before they took Him away to crucify Him. Matt. 5:39 How do you explain this passage?
- Jesus said no man take my life, but I lay it down for the brethern, because that was part of the Fathers plan. Jesus prayed in the garden, Father not my will but, let thine be done.

Help

- [7] For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. [8] He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. [9] Behold, the Lord God will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.
- Jesus was not alone and neither are we when faced with difficult challenges in our lives. Heb. 13:5-6
- Jesus knew he would never be confounded or disgraced, he knew God would vindicate him. So he was able to commit himself unto him that judges righteously. 1Peter 2:23
- Because Jesus knew God was with him he was ready willing and able to endure hardness as a good soldier who set his face like a flint or a stone not easily broken.
- He also knew he could stand before his enemy without blame. Jesus had done no sin neither was guile found in his mouth. 1Peter 2:22
- This is the inheritance of the saints. No weapon formed against us will prosper. Isa 54:17
- There is no condemnation to them that are in Christ. Rom 8:1-2, 33-34