

Truth In Troubled Times
GOD REVEALS—HIS WORD CONTAINS ANSWERS
Psalm 119:98-100 and selected Scriptures

Scripture is the best source of answers to our questions about suffering

LET'S GET STARTED

Where do you go for answers in troubled times? Many people rely upon their own speculations about suffering or adopt the prevailing ideas of their culture, and many others simply plod through life convinced that there are no answers. Thankfully, there is a better way: God has provided us ample truth about suffering in His Word.

LET'S HEAR THE WORD

Psalm 119:98-100—⁹⁸Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me. ⁹⁹I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. ¹⁰⁰I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.

Wisdom: The ability to see life's difficulties through _____, and as He says they truly are.

Insight: The ability to see beyond the surface of life's hardships so that I recognize their _____.

Understanding: The ability to perceive God's purposes for life's hardships, and to _____ to them in ways that produce the best outcomes.

Quotable

*Were it not for tribulation
I should not understand
the Scriptures.*

—Martin Luther

*Everything you need for
guidance in life is right
there in the Scriptures,
either in specific form or in
general principle. What's
missing? Nothing. It's right
there. It's laid out for us.*

—Doug Fields

If you would like to know more

What Does the Bible Say About Suffering? by Brian Han Gregg (InterVarsity Press, 2016)

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WHAT SCRIPTURE REVEALS ABOUT BELIEVERS' SUFFERING

- Why it happens.
 - 1) Our world is under God's _____ because of sin (Genesis 3:17).
 - 2) _____ attacks (1 Peter 5:8).
 - 3) God uses suffering to _____ us spiritually (2 Corinthians 12:7).
- What to do when it happens.
 - 1) _____ (Psalm 34:17-18).
 - 2) _____ (Psalm 119:92).
 - 3) _____ (Isaiah 40:30-31).
- What it produces.
 - 1) Spiritual _____ (James 1:2-4).
 - 2) Eternal _____ (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).

LET'S LIVE IT

Instead of interpreting our sufferings by our own guesswork or by cultural beliefs, or assuming there are no answers to be found, let's embrace the truths we have seen in this message, and trust them to sustain us.

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