

Saints in Tribulation

So God won't allow his children to suffer?

Look again!

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God doesn't allow his children to suffer? You must have never read anything at all in the Bible.

Let's see if God tries his sons, allowing them to suffer tribulation.

Noah was required to spend 100 years building an 800 foot ship at the age of 500, or he would not be saved.

Abraham was required to abandon his father, mother and homeland, and march off the map to find the will of God.

Abraham was required to take his son, born of his old age, Isaac, to an altar of sacrifice not knowing he would be spared.

Jacob had to flee the wrath of his brother Esau, saying good-bye to his Father and Mother for twenty years, to win the coveted blessing.

Jacob had to wrestle with the angel of the Lord until his hip was permanently injured for life.

Joseph had to suffer betrayal by his brethren, being thrown into a pit, sold into slavery, imprisoned on a false accusation, and forgotten by his family and friends for over 20 years.

Moses had to spend 40 years in a wilderness with unbelieving followers, betrayed repeatedly by Aaron, Miriam, Korah and others.

All the children of Israel suffered oppression as slaves under Pharaoh for 200 years.

Joshua and Caleb had to serve out a forty year sentence with unbelieving brethren, even though they had the faith to go into the promised land.

Gideon would have been killed by his own neighbors for taking away their idols.

David suffered persecution 15 years at the hand of King Saul, even though his heart was pure, and God's anointing was on him.

Daniel was betrayed and thrown in the lion's den.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego were thrown into the fiery furnace.

Jeremiah was thrown into a miry dungeon.

Elijah ran as a fugitive from the wrath of Ahab and Jezebel

Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt because of the wrath of Herod.

John the Baptist was hated, imprisoned and beheaded.

Jesus fled from the citizens of Nazareth and Bethsaida because they would have killed him.

Jesus was beaten, spat upon, cursed, and crucified.

The blind man that Jesus healed was persecuted by the religious leaders.

Stephen was stoned to death.

Many of the disciples were beaten, tried before magistrates, imprisoned, stoned, and persecuted in various ways.

Peter was jailed and run out of town. He was finally crucified upside down on a cross.

All the disciples died as martyrs, except John, and he was boiled in oil and exiled to the Isle of Patmos until he died.

Paul listed his sufferings in 2 Corinthians 11:

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. 24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. 25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; 26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; 27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. 28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? 30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

Paul finally was imprisoned, tried before Caesar, and beheaded.

Millions of saints have died martyrs' deaths throughout the centuries.

Job suffered the death of seven sons, three daughters, the loss of 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 oxen, 500 mules, a very great household of servants, a grievous disease of his flesh, the betrayal of his wife, and the condemnation of his friends. He said, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." "He knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him."

Jesus said, "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27

Revelation 6:9-11

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

AND YOU SAY GOD WOULD NEVER ALLOW US TO SUFFER?

Wake up man!

Rev 7:13-17 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

It will be worth it all when we get over yonder.

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