

THE REASONS FOR TRIALS

I. THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE REGARDING TRIALS

A. The REALITY of Trials (1 Peter 1:3-9)

B. The ROSTER of Trials... Some New Testament Words for Trials (2 Corinthians 1, 4, 6)

II. THE DIVINE PURPOSES OF TRIALS

A. GENERALLY

1. Trials are because of Adam's sin and its effects (Genesis 2-4)

a. The Fall of man resulted in...

- 1) _____ which involves a personal separation from God.
- 2) _____ which involves an ultimate separation of the human soul and spirit from the body.
- 3) _____ which involves a sinner being separated from God forever in the Lake of Fire.
- 4) Obtaining a _____ which is at enmity with God.

b. God's curse and judgment because of Adam's sin involved...

- 1) a curse upon the _____. (Genesis 3:14)
- 2) a curse upon _____. (Genesis 3:15)
- 3) a curse upon _____. (Genesis 3:16)
- 4) a curse upon _____. (Genesis 3:17-19)
- 5) a curse upon the _____. (Genesis 3:17-19)

2. Trials are because of individual sin.

a. Our personal choices to sin effects...

1) _____ (Galatians 6:7-8)

2) and _____ (Hebrews 12:15)

3. Trials are because of God's sovereignty.

a. Because our God is sovereign He both _____ and even _____ trials in our lives.

* How does chastisement factor into this (Heb. 12:5-11)?

b. Because God is sovereign, He sometimes _____ to us the purpose of the trial, while often times He remains _____ as to the "why."

* How was this true in Job's serious trial?

* What does Job chapter 1 tell us about God's sovereignty and trials?

* How can you apply this truth in your own life?