

Wednesday, April 1 @ 7 PM

The Response of the Godly to Adversity

A Special Wednesday Evening ZOOM Bible Study

1) Read Psalm 137. Why were the people of God weeping in Babylon? Why were they there? How did they feel about their circumstances? Did this stop them from worshipping?

2) Read Matthew 2:1-23. What occurred when Jesus was born which caused the family of Jesus to flee to Egypt? How do you think this affected their regular routine of worship?

3) Read Acts 8:1-5; 12:1-10. What happened in Jerusalem which affected the safety of the church? Did this stop them from worshipping? How did they respond to the adversity in these passages?

4) Read Acts 11:27-30. In this passage, the brethren in Antioch are forewarned of a coming famine in Jerusalem. What did the church at Antioch do to help? When we are aware of the high likelihood of an oncoming need should we plan for it or just wait for it to happen (cp. 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Cor 8:1-4)?

5) Read 1 Corinthians 7:24-28. Paul here speaks of a "*present distress*" which influences the marriage advice he gives in the text (7:26). What does he tell people NOT to do which might normally have been okay to do under typical circumstances? What principle might this lay down for us?

6) Can you think of other Bible passages which speak of the righteous facing adversity that can help us through our present time?