

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL, MORE SONGS FROM THE HEART, TRUTH ON TRIAL

O.T. Study - More Songs From The Heart - *When We Can't Find God* - July 15, 2018

Text: Psalm 44

Intro: No one is exempt from troublesome times. Today we look at Psalm 44. The author is undergoing a difficult time and it seems that it is not deserved because of sin in his life. This psalm reminds us of the plight of Job. So, what is the reason that the righteous suffer?

Here are 4 things to remember when you are going through difficult times:

1. Remember, we don't know the whole S_____!
2. Remember, the covenant God always keeps His W_____!
3. Remember, God is at work even in your S_____!
4. Remember, God knows what He is D_____ and He only works for G_____!

I. (Psa.44:1-8) When Times Get Tough, Think About God's Goodness in the Past

1. (44:1-3) What had God done for them in the "distant past"?

Their success was not due to _____ (44:3)

- 2.(44:4-7) What had God done for them in the "nearer past"?

3. (44:8) What was their response to God?

* When we have troubles, perhaps the place to start is not with our troubles, but with a good reminder of all that God _____!

II. (Psa. 44:9-16) When Times Get Tough, Be Honest About Your Situation Before God

1. How does the tone change in these verses (9-16)?

2. (44:9-14) List 10 things the writer felt God had done to them:

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| a. (44:9) | 1. | 2. |
| b. (44:10) | 3. | 4. |
| c. (44:11) | 5. | 6. |
| d. (44:12) | 7. | |
| e. (44:13) | 8. | |
| f. (44:14) | 9. | 10. |

What reason did the author give for this happening?

3. (44:15-16) How did these times of distress make the psalmist feel?

4. What should our response be to those that are going through struggles?

* There is nothing we can say in prayer to God that will S_____ Him!

III. (Psa.44:17-22) When Times Get Tough, Keep Your Spiritual Life Intact

1. (44:17-18) How had the people remained faithful to God?

2. (44:19-22) How would God know the truth of the matter?

* We should view our difficulties as opportunities to G_____! (2 Cor.1:3-7)

IV. (Psa.44:23-26) When Times Get Tough, Go To God For Help

1. (44:23-24) What did the psalmist want from God?

2. (44:25-26) Why did they need God's help?

3. What traits of God did the psalmist appeal to in vs.26?