

Reasons for Adversities

John 9:1-3

I. A Common False Assumption

A. Physical adversity is the result of sin.

Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

B. The same was assumed of Job.

- Job 2:11

His friend's false assumption:

1. Eliphaz the Temanite

- Job 4:7

2. Bildad the Shuhite

- Job 8:4-6

3. Zophar the Naamathite

- Job 11:11 & 14

However, Job was innocent.

- Job 1:1 *There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.*

II. Reasons for Adversities

A. Practical reasons

Poor or bad decisions in life

B. Biblical reasons

1. Sin cursed world

a. God's judgment upon the woman

- Genesis 3:16

b. God's judgment upon the man

- Genesis 3:17-19

2. God's chastisement for sin
 - Hebrews 12:5-8
 3. Persecution for righteousness
 - II Timothy 3:11
 - I Peter 2:20
 - Reproach for the name of Christ*
 - I Peter 4:12-14
 4. For the glory of God
 - a. The Blind Man
 - John 9:3
 - b. Lazarus
 - John 11:1-4
 5. To produce personal purity
 - Job's adversities made him a better Christian.
 - Job 23:10
 6. To enhance and expand our ministry
 - a. Adversity enhanced Paul's ministry.
 - II Corinthians 12:8-10
 - b. Adversity expands our ministry.
 - II Corinthians 1:3-6
 7. Makes the Child of God long for heaven
 - II Corinthians 5:1-4
 - Romans 8:18, 22-23
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