

Hidden Within, Part 2
Psalm 119:54-72

God is Sovereign in our Suffering

Affliction can turn us from sin

Affliction can give us better discernment

Affliction has a way of showing us what matters most

Affliction can be an encouragement to others

God is not only Sovereign in our suffering, but God is Good and does Good

SUGGESTED DISCUSSION POINTS FROM DECEMBER 15, 2019 SERMON

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Which God is in your sufferings? Discuss the following

'Sugar view of God' - This is the God who can't control the bad that happens to you, but once it has happened can come in and offer you comfort.

'No Sugar added view of God' - This is the strong Sovereign God who brings suffering into your life to change you and make you holy.

"Properly Sweetened view of God' - The true God who can quench your soul in the midst of suffering.

Read Psalm 119:75 - How can God ordain all things and not be sinful Himself? "The answer is that God steers the ship of evil, but He does not power it." The evil human heart powers the ship but God will make sure that sin ultimately furthers His cause rather than the cause of evil. "Evil will serve God's glory." Discuss

Describe how Job realizes that His suffering is from the hand of God but ultimately he does not attribute to God evil or wrongdoing. See Job 1:21-22

Read verses 67 and 71 - Describe a time where affliction has turned you from sin?

Read verses 65-66 - Describe how affliction can give you better discernment?

Read Verse 72- Describe how affliction can show you what matters most? In times of suffering, what really matters most?

Read verses 74 and 79 - How can affliction (if handled rightly) be an encouragement to others?

How can a heavy emphasis on God's sovereignty turn into a 'no sugar added view of God'?

Read verse 68 and discuss "God is not only Sovereign in our suffering, but God is Good and does Good."

How does it give you hope to serve God who is the perfect mix of Sovereignty and Love who meets you in your suffering?