

# When Bad Things Happen

"But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all Your works." Psalm 73:28 (New King James Version)

Life is \_\_\_% what happens to us, and \_\_\_% in how we \_\_\_\_\_.

## Clarification Can Come Through Trials

A. Some whose vision was cleared through trials:

1. Lamentations - Jeremiah's experience amidst the rubble:

a. 3:22,23 - God's \_\_\_\_\_ don't \_\_\_\_\_; they are \_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_.

b. 3:24 - The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_; therefore I \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

c. 3:25,26 - The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ to those who \_\_\_\_\_ for Him. It is good to \_\_\_\_\_ and wait \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Psalm 73 - Asaph's experience as he struggled:

a. 73:25 - Whom have I in \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_?

b. 73:26 - God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_ forever.

c. 73:28 - I have put my \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Many see life \_\_\_\_\_ after a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ experience.

## Finding HELP When Bad Things Happen

A. **H - Hold on to the Lord:**

1. Hebrews 10:23 - Let us hold \_\_\_\_\_, for God is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Hebrews 10:35,36 - Don't \_\_\_\_\_ away your \_\_\_\_\_.  
What you need is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. **E - Exalt the Lord:**

1. 1 John 4:4 - The One who is \_\_\_ us is \_\_\_\_\_ than all.

2. Psalm 18:46 - Let the \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_!

C. **L - Lean on the Lord:**

1. Proverbs 3:5,6 - \_\_\_\_\_ in God; \_\_\_\_\_ not on \_\_\_\_\_.

2. John 13:23 - \_\_\_\_\_ can be the disciple whom Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ on His \_\_\_\_\_.

D. **P - Pray to the Lord:**

1. 1 Peter 5:6,7 - \_\_\_\_\_ all your \_\_\_\_\_ upon \_\_\_\_\_, for He \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

2. Spurgeon: We should \_\_\_\_\_ the rope boldly and pull \_\_\_\_\_ with all our \_\_\_\_\_!

Spafford found it was \_\_\_\_\_ with his \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of trials.

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