

The DOCTRINE OF SIN

Lesson 17 – The Troubled Soul Part 1

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“I find myself saying it all the time. When people hear it they laugh, but actually, I’m being quite serious when I say it. Here it is: ‘no one is more influential in your life than you are because no one talks to you more than you do. You’re in an unending conversation with yourself. You’re talking to yourself all the time interpreting, organizing and analyzing what’s going on inside you and around you.’

Paul Trip

No one, no one is more influential in your life than you are because no one talks to you more than _____ do.

Rarely do we _____ the content of that conversation or _____ the content of this conversation.

This internal conversation has the most _____ on your soul and life each day.

All Christians will have this experience, but not all Christians are prepared for this experience. And, if you’re not prepared for this experience then you’ll be vulnerable to _____ and _____ when you have this experience

The author’s soul has been troubled by three different experiences;

First, the apparent _____ of God

He is thirsty for God. He is passionately pursuing God, but he feels _____ by God.

It is quite possible to passionately seek God and sincerely serve God and yet at times not sense the _____ of God but instead the absence of God resulting in a downcast soul in turmoil before God.

Second, he is experiencing trials and suffering and they are like breakers and waves that are continuous and they are relentless, and they _____ him.

When it’s continuous, when it’s relentless, when it appears there’s no immediate release in sight, it _____ your soul.

Third, it’s also apparent that he was experiencing the _____ of enemies

As we study his internal conversation what you want to notice is his internal conversation isn’t just endless and ceaseless in relation to these three themes. His internal conversation is _____ as he _____ his soul

Discussion:

CJ makes the assertion that all believers will face the trial that is recorded by the Psalmist. The Hebrew word is *המָה* (*hamah*), which is defined as: *to murmur, growl, roar, cry aloud, mourn, rage, sound, make noise, tumult, be clamorous, be disquieted, be loud, be moved, be troubled, be in an uproar*

John 16:32-33: "Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have **tribulation**. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Jesus plainly tells us that we will have tribulation (*θλίψις* - *thlipsis: a pressing, pressing together, pressure, oppression, affliction, tribulation, distress, straits*), let's analyze this statement in more detail:

Who is this referring to? (John 16:33) _____

What is this often the result of? (Gal 1:6-7; Heb 12:14-15) _____

When can we expect it to occur? (Lk 10:40-42; Mat 6:34) _____

Where can we expect it to occur? (Mat 2:3; Luke 24:38; 2 Cor 11:24-28,) _____

Why (and this is the biggie) will this occur? (2 Cor 1:3-7) _____

How should we deal with this? (John 14:1,27; 2 Cor 2:3-8; 1 Pet 3:14) _____