

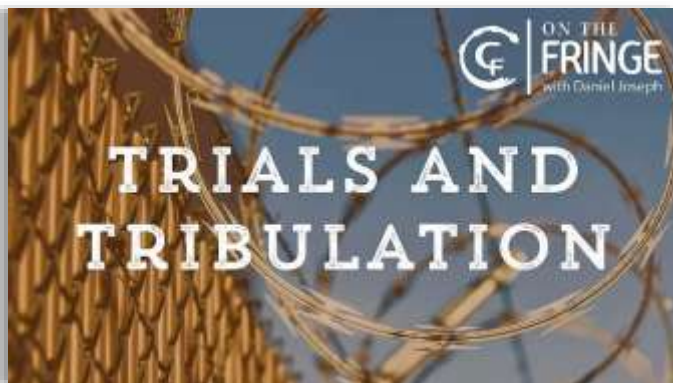
On the Corner Fringe: Trials and Tribulation February 9, 2018

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Enduring the Storm: Faith Through Trials and Tribulation

This is a transcript of a message from **Pastor Daniel Joseph** of **Corner Fringe Ministries** regarding the spiritual significance of enduring **trials and tribulations**. Drawing primarily from **Hebrews 12**, Daniel encourages those suffering from depression or hardship to maintain their focus on **Yeshua** rather than their immediate pain. He argues that **divine discipline** serves as a vital tool for building **character, righteousness, and holiness** in believers. By referencing the Israelites' struggle in **Exodus**, Daniel warns that intense sorrow can deafen one to God's promises if not properly managed through **faith**. Ultimately, this message serves as a pastoral exhortation to persist in **prayer** and hope to achieve spiritual healing.



[Introduction]

Insightful—Challenging—Cutting Edge—
Biblical

[Daniel Joseph]

Shalom everyone. Welcome to *On the Fringe*. I'm Daniel Joseph, and today I want to speak to those of you who are going through some serious trials and tribulations. It's a time of testing; you're in that season,

and it's really weighing on you. You feel like you're hanging by a thread and you can't even imagine getting into tomorrow. Well, I just want to allow the Word to speak to your heart, and I want to do that by taking you to Hebrews, Chapter 12.

Hebrews 12:2—**looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...** Now, the writer directs your vision, your heart, and your mind to one place, and that is unto Him, the King of Kings. And the focus is this, and this is what he's telling you to do: get focused right now. We focus on Him, and we remember **who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross...** So, Yeshua Himself had His eyes on the prize. He knew what He had to endure was absolutely beyond horrific, but how He got through it, according to the writer here, and obviously I agree, was that He knew what the end result would be. If

we don't have that in our mind, the end result, we're going to fall, and this is exactly what David tells us in the Psalms.

And so, He endured the cross, **despising the shame**, meaning He hated lawlessness. And this is exactly what the writer of Hebrews says in Hebrews 1:8, *Kis'acha Elohim olam va'ed* (כִּסְאָךָ אֱלֹהִים עוֹלָם וָעֶד); he quotes Psalm 45:6, "**Your throne, O God, is forever and ever...**" Then he goes on to say in Psalm 45:7, "**You love righteousness and hate wickedness...**" And this is the prophecy. What the writer is saying is that this was the prophecy of the Son, which is an amazing thing all on its own. *Kis'acha Elohim*; he is calling Him Elohim in the context of God.

Continuing in Hebrews 12:2-3, getting to the point: "**and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him,**" okay? Turn your eyes back to Him. Turn your eyes to Yeshua. Don't take your eyes off of Him. "**Consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.**"

We are given a very, very important tool to surviving in this age and enduring the struggles, the trials, and the tribulations, and that is not focusing on the trials and tribulations but opening our hearts up to Yeshua and focusing on Him and calling out to Him and crying to Him and praising Him and praying to Him, reminding Him of who He is in mercy and compassion and love. This is where we need to be.

Now, he goes on: Hebrews 12:4-8—**You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.** In other words, the writer is saying, Just for a second, think on the fact that you're still alive and you haven't resisted bloodshed or death yet—remind yourself of that, okay? ⁵ **And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD (going back to Proverbs), Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶ For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."** ⁷ **If you endure**, this is the key component; only if we endure **chastening**, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? ⁸ **But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.** That's obviously scary.

Continuing: Hebrews 12:9-11—**Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.** In other words, to become partakers of this holiness, guess what? Expect trials and tribulations. This is going to come. We are to be expecting this. And Paul says again, and I just quoted this a couple weeks ago—Romans 5:3-4—**...we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope.** These trials, these tribulations, this time of anguish for you; it's established to build your character.

Hebrews 12:11—**Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful;** and I know there are many of you out there; if there's one thing that you can grab hold of in this passage, it is that. That when the chastening happens, it is hell. It's pure hell; it's hellish; it's anguish; it's sorrow. He goes on to say, **nevertheless, afterward**, again, keep your eye on the prize. Afterward, **it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.**

Exactly what Paul says in Romans, exactly what James says—only a few pages away from this chapter, in James, Chapter 1, we're to rejoice; we're to have joy in our trials and tribulations. We're to have this joy

because we know it's going to produce righteousness in us. In other words, the LORD is pruning us to bear good fruit. This is a very, very powerful concept we need to appreciate during this time.

Continuing in Hebrews 12:12-13—**Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,** because this is what trials and tribulation do. ¹³ **and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.** How powerful is that? In other words, when you're going through pain and suffering, when you're struggling with depression, remind yourselves of these words: knowing that these things you're to endure present you with two paths you can choose. You can choose to endure, or you can choose to give up and give in. Not enduring chastening as a son or as a daughter, will lead to death versus the opposite.

Whereas, if I endure chastening, if I do not take my eyes off of Yeshua, if I keep calling on Him, and I continue to put my hope in Him. Then I continue to be pruned. I continue to grab on to more and more righteousness, and to try to please Him more every day. I will draw closer and closer to Him. Look at what it says at the very end, "We can be healed." That's what's offered to those who endure with patience, and long suffering, who do not struggle and who do not give up in their faith, but they cling to their faith with all their might. They will be healed.

Now here's the thing: I'm using Hebrews 12 today just as a springboard. The passage I really want to take you to is in the Torah, and I'm just setting this up. I want to take you there because I want to give you an amazing warning that we're given in the Torah. This is what we read, and just so you know, the backdrop here is such that the LORD is commanding Moses. He says, "Hey, go give the children of Israel the message for Me", because He's going to take them out of the land. So, Moses presents himself to Israel, and this is the message he gives to them.

Exodus 6:7-8—**I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.** ⁸ **And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage:** I am Yehovah; I am Yahweh, **I am the LORD.**"" This is what he says. This is the message. What is it? It's a message of promise. This is a message that I am going to take care of you. You will have victory. You will excel. You will be blessed. Okay, so Moses gives this promise, this beautiful promise to the people.

This is how they respond: Exodus 6:9—**So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage.** Now, when I read this, it hit me like a ton of bricks. Because there is great revelation here. The reality of the anguish, the sorrow, the trials, the tribulation, and the depression that was plaguing Israel at this time, they could not hear the voice of the LORD. The voice of the LORD was not penetrating their hearts, and that is frightening.

That shows you the power that these trials and tribulations, the pain that you're going through right now, if you allow it, will define you. If you allow it, it will control you. If you allow it, it will pave your destiny. But it doesn't have to be that way. Don't let the pain and sorrow block out the voice of God. Because without that word, without having that word, you will not have faith, because Romans 10:17 says **faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

Let His voice permeate into your heart and believe it with every cell of your body. Hang on to it. Don't give up. Don't give in. Cling to it. And I promise you, because God has made the promise, He will heal you. You will have victory. You will triumph.

Navigating the Fire: A Biblical Path Through Trials

PHASE 1: SHIFTING PERSPECTIVE



LOOK UNTO YESHUA

Shift your vision from the trial to the "Author and Finisher" of your faith.

EYE THE PRIZE

Like Jesus, endure current pain by focusing on the future joy set before you.

TRIALS AS "CHASTENING"

View struggles as a father's discipline, proving you are a beloved child of God.

GUARD YOUR HEART FROM ANGUISH

Do not let pain block God's voice; hearing His word is essential for faith.

PHASE 2: THE PATH TO VICTORY

HOPE & RIGHTEOUSNESS

CHARACTER

PERSEVERANCE

TRIBULATION

THE GROWTH SEQUENCE

Tribulation produces perseverance, which builds character and eventually yields hope and righteousness.

STRENGTHEN AND BE HEALED

Choosing to endure with patience leads to spiritual healing rather than destruction.