

Giving Praise Through Trials and Tribulation

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Here's another topic that has been placed on my heart to write about. I will explicitly talk about Job and Daniel because these are the two men I have been thinking about these past couple of weeks. I've been thinking about how they were tested and what they suffered but ended up with more than what they had before because they praised God through their crucible.

Job

Here's what Job lost:

Job's initial suffering:

- [Messengers Speak of the Fire of God Job 1:13-22 \(LSB\)](#): **Summary:** This passage describes how Job's life is first struck by a series of catastrophes, including the loss of his livestock, servants, and even his children.

Job's afflictions and conversations with his friends:

- [Satan Strikes Job's Flesh Job 2:1-10 \(LSB\)](#): **Summary:** Job's physical affliction is added to his suffering as he's covered in painful sores.

Job's speeches and questioning of God:

- [Job 23:1-17 \(LSB\)](#): **Summary:** In this chapter, Job expresses his desire to find God and present his case before Him.
- [Job 38:1-41:34 \(LSB\)](#): **Summary:** This section contains God's response to Job's questions, where God speaks to Job out of the whirlwind and questions Job's understanding of the universe and God's wisdom.
- [Job 42:1-6 \(LSB\)](#): **Summary:** Job's repentance and submission to God.

His unwavering praise demonstrated his faith and trust in the divine, even in the most trying circumstances. Job's praise was not conditional on his circumstances. He didn't reserve his gratitude for the good times; rather, he praised God during his suffering. Job's famous words, "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21), exemplify his commitment to honoring and worshiping God, regardless of life's hardships. Job's continuous praise was not a form of denial or ignorance of his suffering. Instead, it was an act of faith and resilience. He turned to God for answers and sought understanding in the face of his trials. Job's praise in the darkest moments was an expression of trust in God's wisdom and sovereignty, ultimately contributing to his success in enduring the tests. Job's story is a timeless reminder that even in the most challenging circumstances, praising and trusting in God can lead to spiritual growth, resilience, and a deeper connection with the divine. His success in his trials was not about eliminating suffering but rather the triumph of faith, perseverance, and unwavering praise in the face of adversity.

Daniel

- [Daniel's Captivity Daniel 1:1-7 Summary](#): describes how Daniel and his friends were taken into captivity in Babylon.
- [Daniel's Stand on Diet Daniel 1:8-16 Summary](#): tells the story of Daniel and his friends refusing to eat the king's food and instead requesting a diet in accordance with their beliefs.
- [Interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Daniel 2:1-45 Summary](#): describes how Daniel interpreted King Nebuchadnezzar's dream about a statue made of various materials.
- [The Fiery Furnace Daniel 3:1-30 Summary](#): narrates the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Daniel's friends, being thrown into a fiery furnace for refusing to worship an idol.
- [The Writing on the Wall Daniel 5:1-31 Summary](#): tells the story of the handwriting on the wall during King Belshazzar's feast and Daniel's interpretation of the message.
- [Daniel in the Lion's Den Daniel 6:1-28 Summary](#): describes how Daniel was thrown into a den of lions for continuing to pray to his God and he was miraculously spared.

Daniel's continuous praise of God was a key factor in his success during his trials and challenges. Daniel's faith and unwavering commitment to God shine through in his actions and attitudes. In the face of adversity, such as being taken into captivity in Babylon, facing persecution, or being thrown into the lion's den, Daniel remained steadfast in his devotion to God. He continued to pray and thank God, even when a decree forbade it. This commitment to his faith and worship was unwavering. Daniel's praise and faith in God were not situational. He didn't just turn to God in times of trouble; he maintained a consistent and faithful relationship with God in all circumstances. This continuous praise and trust in God set him apart and strengthened him through his trials. As a result of his faith and faithfulness, Daniel experienced numerous instances of divine intervention and favor. He was granted wisdom and understanding, which enabled him to interpret dreams and visions. He found favor with various rulers in Babylon, including Nebuchadnezzar and Darius. In the lion's den, God protected him from harm. These successes can be attributed to his unshakable faith and continuous praise of God. In essence, Daniel's continuous praise in God made him successful in his trials by providing him with the inner strength, wisdom, and divine favor needed to overcome adversity. His story serves as a powerful example of the rewards of unwavering faith and praise in the face of life's challenges.

No matter what you face in life, continue to praise God, and remember that your hardship is only temporary. God will never leave you, and He will never turn His back on you; however, you can turn your back on Him, and if He thinks that is the time for you to learn from your decisions, He will let you fall on your face until you see that you cannot face your trials alone. Praise God that you get the opportunity to learn to trust in Him and grow your relationship with Christ.