

# The Old Testament Tabernacle



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## A Father's Mistake

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Then going to a precipice at some distance, he looked down, and there, upon the rocks and briars, he saw the mangled form of his beloved child. He rushed to the spot, took up the lifeless corpse, and hugged it to his bosom, and accused himself of being the murderer of his child.

While he was sleeping his child had wandered over the precipice. How many fathers and mothers, how many Christian men, are sleeping now while their children wander over the terrible temptations of the world — right into the bottomless pit. Father, where is your boy tonight?

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## The Bad Times

*By Bill Brinkworth*

No one likes troubles, trials and tribulations, but we all will or have had them. Since all will encounter them in our lives, it only makes sense to view them in the proper light.

These “bad” occurrences many times are sent by God to make us into what He desires us to be. They will teach us lessons in life’s school that will never leave us the same. It can be for this reason God preserved the words in James 1:2-4:

*“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; [trials] Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”*

We are to take these hard times as a “joyful time”. How can anything as miserable as some have

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## A Father's Mistake

*By D. L. Moody*



A father took his little child out into the field one Sunday, and it being a hot day, he lay down under a beautiful shady tree.

The little child ran about gathering wild flowers and little blades of grass, and coming to its father

and saying, “Pretty! Pretty!”

At last the father fell asleep, and while he was sleeping, the little child wandered away. When he awoke, his first thought was, “Where is my child?”

He looked all around, but he could not see him. He shouted at the top of his voice. Running to a little hill, he looked around and shouted again. No response!

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experienced, be joyful? Usually the lesson is learned and appreciated after the fire is passed through – when we're out on the other side of calamity. It is then we can have "joy".

After one goes through so many "temptations", and remembers how they benefitted from those experiences, one can easily develop the right attitude the next time unpleasantness comes into view. "Ah, I don't like the class, but the lesson I will learn will be worth it." That is joy.

The Bible gives us many different reasons why hard times come into our lives. Those amidst trials learn many lessons. Some did not learn their lesson when taking the "course". Later on they faced harder training further down life's path, because they never learned it the first time.

Sometimes these tempestuous times are meant to strengthen us. We can be made stronger when we are awed at His deliverance from the impossible. When we get to that point, we can look back and say, "Only God could have gotten me through that".

*Deut. 10:21 "He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen."*

Other times our turbulent trials build our faith after we see

what God has done. After passing through enough testings, and remembering how we were delivered in the past, we have faith that He will guide us through the next time.

*1 Samuel 12: 24 "Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you."*

Part of what happens when our faith is strengthened is that we learn more about what He can do, what He will not do, and His other character traits.

The lessons are many that can be taught from life's trials. Israel, when they were led through the wilderness, learned to fear and obey God. Jonah's experience also taught him to obey – the first time. Paul's blinding experience on the road to Damascus taught him there is only one way to please God. It was His way, not the traditions or religions of man. After Jesus healed the blind man from a lifetime of darkness, he learned of His power. All these events changed the lives of the ones going through what they originally thought were unwanted times.

*A strong oak is just a nut  
that stood its  
ground!*



What would they have been like, if they didn't go through them?

Reading in the Scriptures, one can easily see how the hard times were used to teach God's people how He could protect them. God has used hornets, earthquakes, darkness, disease, fear, water, just to name a few, to guard His own. What an unforgettable lesson must have been learned, when they got to see the mighty works of their protective Father.

Hard times can also direct us. The trials we go through many times change the direction we are going and put us on the course He desires – much like the detour that no one likes. If our route were not changed, we would end up in the construction workers' freshly dug trench, possibly damaging our vehicle and us. The many extra miles were worth the aggravation we could have faced in the body shop or even in the hospital. When we look back on what could have happened, we are joyful about what did not happen and thankful for His direction.

Certainly, tough times can change us. Jonah's attitude was surely changed after his stay in the whale's belly. Saul had a new perspective of persecuted Christians after he was one. Joseph was certainly appreciative of all the hardship he went through, when he saw how it prepared him for his future. We can lose all our self-righteousness and self-worth

**F**or God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*John 3:16*

in a short hurry, when we face trials and realize that in those times only God can make the difference.

Not all trials are punishment from God, but some are. Our miseries can be an act of God to correct us when we do wrong. A good punishment will change wrong behavior – and quickly. When God's people were doing wrong, God sent enemies, bondages, plagues, and hosts of other deterrents to change their mind-set. Parents sometimes have to punish their child for wrong behavior; our heavenly Father sometimes needs to do this, too.

Not too many people are happy when terrible things happen to them. As you will learn, if you have not already, there is much to be learned from the "bad times". Not one spiritual and close-to-God Christian got that way without going through a lot of heartaches. Sometimes the most spiritual have gone through the most. There is a connection. Hard times can have a positive affect on us, if we learn our lesson properly.