

UNDESERVED SUFFERING - 1

1. Undeserved suffering is only for the believer who lives in fellowship with God and is moving forward spiritually. The carnal believer who is not growing spiritually cannot claim to be under undeserved suffering.
2. Undeserved suffering is a result of pressure from the world, the flesh, and the devil—though people will be involved (Eph. 6:12).
3. Undeserved suffering is always accompanied by a temptation to conform to Satan's kosmos diabolicus.
4. The world, the flesh and the devil form a trinity of evil in an attempt to convert undeserved suffering to deserved suffering by getting the believer out of fellowship and into prolonged carnality.
5. Generally, the sins of other people are a major issue in undeserved suffering. The test will be in the area of dealing with the sins and evil of others. It could be a wife, husband, friend, boss, or neighbor. The believer must learn how to keep responding to the Lord and not to the sins and evil of others. Satan loves to kill two birds with one stone—e.g., use a carnal believer to get another believer off track.
6. Undeserved suffering may include the death of loved ones. This may be related to the angelic conflict, Job 1-2. The issue here is to test your love for the Lord and the Plan of God. We are called to love God first and foremost above all family members.
7. Our Lord went through horrible undeserved suffering, especially from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Cross where He bore all of our sins.
8. In undeserved suffering it is important for the believer to remember that God is always fair regardless of the allotment of undeserved suffering.
9. The testing in undeserved suffering is designed to bring about blessings.
10. God will never allow you to be tempted more than you can handle, 1 Cor. 10:13.
11. Undeserved suffering has a way of purifying the believer as the bride of Christ in preparation for the Rapture.
12. Undeserved suffering has a way of bringing the believer closer to the Lord and developing within the believer such things as virtue, character and endurance.

13. Undeserved suffering has a way of increasing the believer's joy in the Lord, 1 Pet. 1:6-8.
There is no such joy when the believer is in deserved suffering (i.e. divine discipline).

In Him,

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