

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1176: Does God REALLY Want Me to Suffer?

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See:



1. What can we learn from Bartimaeus' encounter with Jesus? How can we apply his approach to Jesus when we talk to the Lord about our suffering? What was the depth of Bartimaeus' belief in Jesus? (See Mark 10:46-52)
2. What should we hope for when we look to God and Jesus in our suffering? Is it reasonable to assume that God and Jesus will remove all suffering from our lives? (See 1 Peter 4:12-19)
3. How can looking at things from a godly perspective help when suffering? What attitude of mind do we need to be able to hear Jesus? What did Jesus promise the weary and heavy-laden that came to him? (See Matthew 11:25-29)
4. Does the "rest" promised in Matthew 11:28 solve or remove the issues with which we are dealing? What is the practical application of this rest?
5. How will relief come to all of humanity? What can we do while we wait for the fulfillment of God's plan? Where should our focus be? List all the things we can do, and that we can ask for, to help with our struggles: (See Romans 8:19-22, Revelation 21:4)
6. As Christians, do we receive everything we ask for from God and Jesus? What can we learn from the request of James and John to Jesus? Do you think they were motivated by greed or seeking influence? Why was their request naïve? (See Mark 10:35-38)
7. What should followers of Jesus expect for their lives? Where can we find resting places? How is the "rest" in Matthew 11:28 different from the "rest" in verse 29? Why is it different? (See Jeremiah 6:16, Matthew 11:27-30, 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, Hebrews 5:8-9)
8. What does "reproached" or "reviled" mean? Why can our experience of being reproached by others be considered "easy"? (See Matthew 5:11, 1 Peter 4:12-16)
9. Why can we consider our burden as Christians to be "light"? How does being "yoked" with Jesus help? (See Matthew 11:29-30, John 16:33, Acts 14:22)
10. Why do Christians have struggles and sufferings? In what way are our struggles "common" to all men? If all men suffer this way, how are Christian sufferings different? How does this understanding offer us comfort? (See Romans 8:16-17, 1 Corinthians 10:13, 1 Peter 1:4-7, 2:9)
11. What are you suffering in your life? How do/will you work with God and Jesus to deal with these sufferings?