

# CAVEMAN THEOLOGY - Part2

## PSALMS 34 - The Purpose of Caves

1 SAMUEL 22:1

David left Gath and escaped to the cave a Adullam

Caves represent the dark seasons where seeing God and hope are difficult in our current circumstances.

C.S. Lewis Nailed it when he said, "God whispers to us in our pleasure but he shouts to us in our pain." Pain is a megaphone...

Rick Warren - "Sometimes, the only way God can get us to look up, is to lay us flat on our back."

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## **5 PURPOSES OF A CAVE SEASON**

### **1. God tests our heart in our CAVE SEASONS .**

**Deuteronomy 8:2** Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert (CAVE SEASONS) these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

### **2. God directs us in our CAVE SEASONS.**

### **3. God corrects us in our CAVE SEASONS.**

**Hebrews 12:5-6** "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son."

Proverbs 20:30 Good News Translation - "Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways."

#### **4. God protects us in our CAVE SEASONS.**

##### **Genesis 45:7-8**

But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt

##### **Genesis 45:5**

And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

#### **5. CAVE SEASONS make us rely on God.**

##### **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**2 Corinthians 1:8-9** 8We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the CAVE SEASONS we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. 9 Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. **But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.**

**James 1:12** Blessed is the man who perseveres under CAVE SEASONS, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

**Romans 8:28** And we know that in all CAVE SEASONS God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.