



## **2 CHRONICLES 31-32**

### **Lesson 11: Hezekiah – A Strange Reward For Obedience**

#### Introduction

#### **FOUR REASONS WHY GOD ALLOW US TO GO THROUGH TRIALS?**

#### **1. GOD ALLOWS TRIALS TO MOTIVATE US TO STRENGTHEN OUR DEFENSES AGAINST EVIL. - 32:1-6**

- The time to get ready for trials is before they hit, not after.
- Don't trust your preparations; trust the Lord.

#### **2. GOD ALLOWS TRIALS TO INCREASE OUR TRUST IN HIM. - 32:7-8**

- Trust in God means submitting to His sovereignty over your trials.
- Trust in God means acknowledging God as the source of your strength.
- Trust in God means casting your cares on Him through prayer for His glory.

**3. GOD ALLOWS TRIALS TO ENRICH OUR EXPERIENCE OF HIS SALVATION. – 32:22**

**4. GOD ALLOWS TRIALS TO HUMBLE US UNDER HIS MIGHTY HAND. - 32:25**

*God allows trials to bless sinners who cast themselves on Him.*

**Discussion Questions**

1. Does God send trials or merely permit them? Does it make any difference? Can Satan cause trials apart from God's permission?
2. One grateful reader of Rabbi Kushner's book wrote to him, "Maybe now I can believe in a more realistic God." How would you respond that comment?
3. Why is humility an essential part of enduring trials (see 1 Pet. 5:6-11)?
4. What is the biblical answer to the critic's taunt, "If God loved you and is able, He would spare you from terrible trials"?