

2. Tragic circumstances _____ due to sin,

17:17-24, 18:7-16

(1 Kings 17:18) ... Did you come here to cause the death of my son as a reminder that I've sinned against God?" [paraphrase]

(John 9:2-3) "And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" {3} Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him."

(Romans 8:28-29) "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. {29} For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."



The Shepherds

Sin, Circumstances, and Repentance



From 1 Kings 17-18 we can make two clear statements about the relationship between sin and circumstances:

1. Tragic circumstances _____ due to sin, 17:1, 18:1-7, 15-18, 39-41

(Hebrews 12:5-12) "And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; {6} For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." {7} If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? {8} But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then

you are illegitimate and not sons. {9} Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? {10} For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. {11} Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. {12} Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,"

(John 15:2) "... every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

(Psalms 119:67) "Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word."

(Psalms 119:71) "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes."

(Hosea 5:15) "... Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me."

(Jeremiah 31:18-19) "'I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself: 'You have chastised me, and I was chastised, Like an untrained bull; Restore me, and I will return, For You are the LORD my God. {19} Surely, after my turning, I repented; And after I was instructed, I struck myself on the thigh; I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated, Because I bore the reproach of my youth.'"

(Matthew 7:9-11) "'Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? {10} "Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? {11} "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

