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EXPERIENCE COMFORT IN THE PRESENT
The Best Explanation Series

Introduction: *How does God comfort us in our sufferings?* **Daniel 3:**

I. GOD'S _____ PROVIDES COMFORT.

A. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego experienced the presence of God.

1. They believed God was able but also that He might not.
2. They experienced the direct intervention and presence of God.

B. God works all things together for good to those that love Him. **Rom. 8:28**

1. Paul has bad stuff in mind as He mentions this promise. **Rom. 8:35, 38-39**
2. God still answers prayer, delivers, and heals.

II. GOD'S _____ PROVIDE COMFORT. **2 Cor. 1:3-4**

A. God's power displays never produced lasting holiness.

1. Cain still killed His brother.
2. The Israelites still rebelled in the Exodus.
3. Elijah's power display produced no lasting effect.

B. God revealed Himself through Jesus Christ. **Heb. 1:3; Lk. 11:14-15.**

1. God's presence is now in people through the Holy Spirit. **1 Pet 4:10-12.**
2. God comforts us through His church. **2 Cor. 7:6, 13; 1 Pet. 4:10-12**

C. God reveals Himself through His people, the church.

III. GOD'S _____ PROVIDES COMFORT.

A. Jesus Christ will come again. **1 Th. 4:13-18; Dan. 12:1-2.**

B. Jesus will usher in the kingdom of God. **Acts. 3:21; Jn. 11:21-25; Ps 37:7-11**