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THE PROBLEM WITH GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Introduction: *What happens when our expectations of God are not met?* **Ps. 44:23-24.**

God's word reveals one man's struggle with disappointment with God. **Job 1**

I. EXPECT TRIALS, PERSECUTION, AND SORROWS. Ps. 23; Ps 22

A. The Bible's characters experienced pain, suffering, and disappointment.

1. _____ suffered the loss of everything.
2. _____ goodness always seemed to turn out bad for him.
3. _____ was crucified and rejected
4. _____ suffered constant hardship. **2 Cor. 3:23-27**
5. The _____ was terribly persecuted. **Heb. 10:32-33**

B. Jesus _____ we would experience trials. **Jn. 15:18, 20; 1 Th. 3:2-4**

II. UNDERSTAND FIVE REASONS FOR SUFFERING.

A. The first reason is spiritual _____. **Gen 3:1-4; 1 Pet. 5:8-9**

B. The second reason is _____. **Gen. 3:6; Gen. 4:9-13; Rm. 1:28-30.**

C. The third reason is the _____. **Gen. 3:17-19; Rom. 8:20**

D. The fourth reason is God's _____. **1 Cor. 11:30-31**

E. The fifth reason is to purify and refine our _____. **1 Pet. 1:6-7**