

# Why Study The Valleys Of Christian Living

**Text:** Job 3:1-26; 1 Peter 1:3-9.

## **Introduction:**

The story of Job is the worst-case scenario in the Bible concerning trials in the Christian life. Consider some of the facts concerning Job's story:

- Job was a godly man – 1:1.
- Job lost all his possessions – 1:13-17.
- Job lost all his children – 1:18-19.
- Job lost his health – 2:7-8.
- Job's wife said, "curse God, and die."
- Job's friends came to comfort, or so he supposed – 2:11-13.
- Job cursed his day – 3:1-26.
- Job did not know that the valley was just getting ready to get deeper.
- Job spent the next 28 chapters trying to defend his integrity to his friends.

We need to understand that bad things happen to good people.

Troubles are not necessarily a sign of divine displeasure, but rather something allowed by God for our good and His glory.

## **I. The Negative Aspects.**

- A. Surely Valleys Are Valleys.**
- B. Some Valleys Are Deeper Than Others.**
- C. Some Valleys Last Longer Than Others.**
- D. Some Valleys Are Barren Waste Lands.**

## **II. The Positive Aspects.**

### **A. It Is In The Valleys That We Grow.**

1. Grow In Knowledge.
2. Grow In Appreciation.
3. Grow In Faith.

### **B. It Is In The Valleys That We Glow.**

1. Glow In Good Works.
2. Glow In Grace To Serve.
3. Glow In Glorification Of Our Savior.

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## Conclusion:

It is inevitable that we are going to face trials that will test us and develop our character.

We may find the valleys to be deep, long lasting, and barren; but we must also remember that God always loves us . His love is real when we are in the valley as well as well as when we are on the mountain top.