

SUFFERING COMES IN MANY FORMS

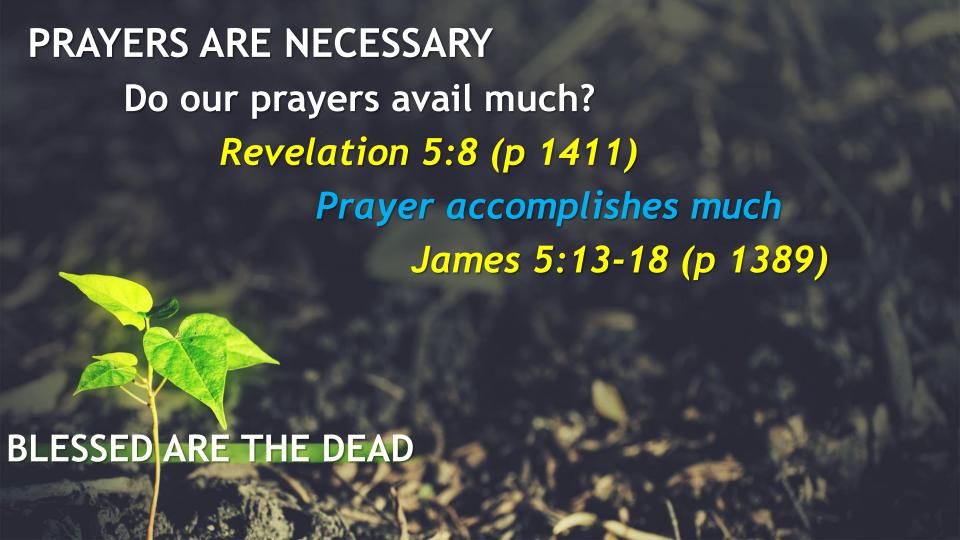
Being a Christian does not take away pain

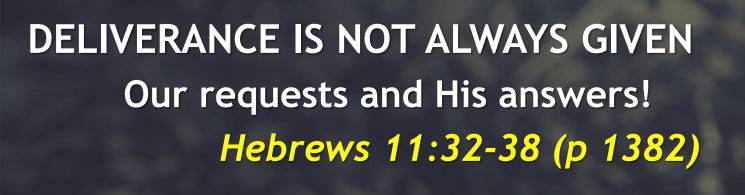
Revelation 2:10 (p 1408)

Luke 12:4-7 (p 1199) GOD CARES!



DEATH CAN AND WILL COME Many 1st-Century Christians died for Christ Revelation 7:14 (p 1413) Paul died for Christ 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (p 1368) BLESSED ARE THE DEAD







WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO LEARN?

Life is temporal 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (p 1329)

The Lord understands John 11:35 (p 1237)

He brings comfort now 1 Thess. 4:13-18 (p 1358)

He gives comfort then Revelation 21:1-7 (p 1424)



PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS.

(PSALM 116:15)

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT. HE MAKES ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES; HE LEADS ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS. HE RESTORES MY SOUL; HE LEADS ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE. YEA, THOUGH WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL; FOR YOU ARE WITH ME; YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME.

Psalm 23

YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES; YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP RUNS OVER. SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE; AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

DO YOU BELIEVE?