

# Summer Psalms for the Soul

## ***The Afflicted Soul***

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**Do we really know what's good for us?**

*King Midas and the Golden Touch*

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- God loves us enough to grant us what we really need, not just what we really want.
- One of the good things that God occasionally and intentionally grants us is suffering and affliction!

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## **The Problem of Evil**

- How can an all-powerful and all-loving God allow bad things to happen?
- The way it sometimes (wrongly) seems
  - If God is good, He is not God
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- Psalm 119 deals with this but neither abstractly nor exhaustively

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## **The Goodness of God**

- ‘Tov’ – vs. 65, 66, 68, 71, 72
- Vs. 65 ‘Good you do...’  
Vs. 68 ‘Good you are...’
- Repeated testimony of afflicted believers:  
‘It was so difficult, but God is soooo good...!’

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- Vs. 71 ‘it was good for me to be afflicted’
- Corrective (vs. 67)
- Constructive (vs. 71b)

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– **Rom 5:3-5**

tribulation → perseverance →  
proven character → hope

– **I Pet 1:6,7**

distressing trials → proven faith →  
praise & honor

– **James 1:2-4**

trials → endurance → maturity

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***Pain – the Gift Nobody Wants***

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**Personal Application**

- What are you doing to feed, care for and nurture your soul?
- Through trials and afflictions we come to value most that which is most valuable... (see vs. 72)
- *O Lord, do not give us the Midas touch. Give us instead precisely what we need ... whatever that may be!*