

Wisdom Not Worry
Thursday, May 7, 2020
Psalm 91:15

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

Surely, it is a comfort to know God will be with, deliver and honor the one who puts their trust in Him. But doesn't it seem to be a bit inefficient to you? If God is powerful and loving enough to deliver us from plague and predator, why doesn't He just prevent them in the first place? Why doesn't God preserve his people from pandemics, addictions, divorce, bankruptcy and giant murder hornets!? The answer is found in the first part today's verse – "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him."

Unfortunately, our sinful nature is such that it often takes calamity to make us call out to the Lord in earnest. When the finances are flush, the marriage strong, the body healthy and the needs satisfied, we tend to forget God (Proverbs 30:9-10). Affliction has a way of jarring the memory and leading us into His presence. Pain is an excellent tutor in prayer. The writer of Psalm 119:71 agrees – "It was good for me to be afflicted that I might learn your statutes. The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver." By stripping away what we think is precious we are more likely to call out to the One who is precious. When we do, He will answer. We may not get your spouse back, our job restored or our debt paid but we will be honored with a far greater treasure. We get Him.

Grateful,
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