

God's Letters to the Churches –上帝给教会的书信

Getting Back to the Basics - Part 2 回到基本点-第二讲

Church at Smyrna: Looking Beyond Suffering 士每拿教会：苦难中的盼望

Mathew 5:11-12 “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12”Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven”

马太福音5:11. 人若因我辱骂你们，逼迫你们，捏造各样坏话毁谤你们，你们就有福了。12. 应当欢喜快乐，因为你们在天上的赏赐是大的。在你们以前的先知，人也是这样逼迫他们。

Revelation 2:8-11 “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, ‘These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: 9’I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. 11’He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.’”

启示录2:8. 你要写信给士每拿教会的使者说，那首先的，末后的，死过又活的说，9. 我知道你的患难，你的贫穷，（你却是富足的）也知道那自称是犹太人所说的毁谤话，其实他们不是犹太人，乃是撒但一会的人。10. 你将要受的苦你不用怕。魔鬼要把你们中间几个人下在监里，叫你们被试炼。你们必受患难十日。你务要至死忠心，我就赐给你那生命的冠冕。11. 圣灵向众教会所说的话，凡有耳的，就应当听。得胜的，必不受第二次死的害。

1. **CHARACTER** Of the City of Smyrna 士每拿城的**特征**

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2. Things the Church of Smyrna was **COMMENDED FOR** 对士每拿教会的**鼓励**

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雅各书1:2. 我的弟兄们，你们落在百般试炼中，都要以为大喜乐。3. 因为知道你们的信心经过试验就生忍耐。4. 但忍耐也当成功，使你们成全完备，毫无缺欠。

3. What Smyrna was **COMMANDED** to Do **吩咐**士每拿教会要做什么事情

启示录2: 10. 你将要受的苦你不用怕。魔鬼要把你们中间几个人下在监里，叫你们被试炼。你们必受患难十日。你务要至死忠心，我就赐给你那生命的冠冕。

Why Do Christians Suffer? 基督徒为何要受试炼?

(A) God may be **DISCIPLINING** as indicated in God's dealing with Corinth 上帝也许要通过试炼来训练我们

(B) To **LEARN THINGS** we will only learn through suffering 只有通过试炼才会明白学到很多事情

罗马书5:3.不但如此，就是在患难中，也是欢欢喜喜的。因为知道患难生忍耐。4. 忍耐力老练。老练生盼望。

(C) To **PREVENT SOME THINGS** from happening 为防止一些事情的发生

哥林多后书12:7.又恐怕我因所得的启示甚大，就过于自高，所以有一根刺加在我肉体上，就是撒但的差役，要攻击我，免得我过于自高。

(D) To **BEAR A TESTIMONY** for Christ为基督作见证 (Acts 9:16)

使徒行传9:16.我也要指示他，为我的名必须受许多的苦难。

4. Smyrna's Call to **COMMITMENT** 对士每拿的承诺

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