

# WHY DO THE RIGHTEOUS SUFFER?

## 1 Thessalonians 3:1-10

- I. Facing the test of afflictions is a divine appointment. 3:1-4
  - 1. Difficulties have a divine purpose. 3:1-2
  - 2. Difficulties are according to a divine plan. 3:3-4
  
- II. Failing the test of afflictions impedes divine activity. 3:5
  - 1. Our spiritual adversary may be victorious.
  - 2. Our spiritual activity may be in vain.
  
- III. Faithfulness in the test of afflictions invites divine assistance. 3:6-10
  - 1. Personally we grow closer. 3:6-7
  - 2. Spiritually we grow stronger. 3:8
  - 3. Prayerfully we grow happier. 3:9-10