



“Our Hope in a Broken World”

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Introduction - The Messiah brings wonderful blessings into the lives of those who believe in Him. But that doesn't mean God's people are exempt from tragedy, or immune to loss. How should believers respond when God allows the unexpected traumas to touch our lives?

I. Consider an Inconvenient Truth.

- A. The most difficult thing we will ever face-
- B. Defining some terms:
 - 1. The “Righteous:”
 - 2. The “Devout:”
 - 3. “Perish,” “Taken away”
- C. The inconvenient truth to consider –
- D. “No one takes it to heart.” “Ponder”
- E. Ponder it in a way that corresponds to God's reality.
- F. The example of Lazarus (John 11).
- G. The “Inconvenient Truth.”

II. Facing Life's Broken Realities.

- A. “Ponder” what it means.
- B. Abandon linear thinking.

Example: (John 9)
- C. Consider the sovereign God.

III. Cling to Our Hope While in a Broken World.

- A. Look WITHIN.
 - 1. False gods
 - 2. The true God.
 - 3. Examples:
- B. Look DOWN.
“crushed” and “lowly”
- C. Look UP. What God says:
 - 1. A divine rescue:
 - 2. A divine promise:

Conclusion -