

Divine Perspective

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God is calling us to seek Him and forsake our wicked WAYS and unrighteous THOUGHTS. (6-7)

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God's thoughts and ways are vastly DIFFERENT from our own. (8-9)

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"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything... ¹²Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." (James 1:2-4, 12)

God's WORD, not our opinions or facts, will accomplish the good purpose that He intends. (10-11)

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"...Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed.'" (2 Chronicles 20:20 ESV)