

“The God Of All Comfort”

Lesson Text: **2 Corinthians 1:3-7.**

I. The Need For Comfort In Our Lives.

- It Is A Universal Need Of Everyone To Find Comfort.
 - The Sorrows Of Life Come To All; No One Can Escape A Broken Heart.
 - Sorrow In Disappointments & Loss. **Genesis 27:38--Hebrews 12:17; Genesis 37:35; 1 Kings 21:1-7.**
 - Sorrow In The Guilt & Shame Of Sin. **Genesis 3:6-10; Matthew 26:75.**
 - Sorrow In Sickness. **Philippians 2:25-30.**
 - Persecutions, Trials, & Afflictions. **Job 1-2; 2 Corinthians 1:8-11.**

II. Where The World Goes To Find Comfort?

- The World Doesn't Go To God!
- The World Seeks Comfort From Others In The World. **Job 13:4; 16:1-2.**
 - How Can People Who Lack Mercy, Compassion, Sympathy, & Truth Truly Help Us?
- The World Seeks Comfort By Worldly Means:
 - By Doing What Brings Them Pleasure.
 - By The Things Of The World — Buying Addictions, Food Addictions.... **Luke 12:15.**
 - By Escaping Pain With Alcohol & Drug Abuse. **Proverbs 23:29-35; 1 Thessalonians 5:6-9.**
- The World Will Never Find True Comfort Outside Of God!
 - Until They Stop Rejecting The One Who Can Help Them, They Will Be Empty!
- God Does Not Comfort The Wicked In Their Sins!
 - Unfaithful Men May Seek To Give Comfort To Those Who Refuse To Repent Of Sin, But God Won't!
 - Churches Who Draw The People Of The World By Saying:
 “Come As You Are.” “God Loves You Just The Way You Are.”
 - These Are False Claims! **Luke 24:46-47; Acts 17:30-31.**

III. Where God's People Go To Find Comfort?

- To The God Of All Comfort! **2 Corinthians 1:3.**
 - **Psalm 34:15-22.**
- Going To Where God's Presence Is:
 - **Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 23:4.**
- Comfort From God's Word.
 - **Romans 15:4; Psalm 119:49-56.**
 - Listening To Preaching Can Be A Big Comfort....
 - The Goal Of Preaching: To Comfort The Afflicted And Afflict The Comfortable.
 - What Scriptures Give You Comfort?
 - **John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 5:2-11.**
- Comfort From God's People.
 - Our Duty To One Another. **1 Thessalonians 5:11; 5:14.**
 - **Ephesians 6:21-22; Colossians 4:7-8; 1 Thessalonians 3:6-9.**