

## THE PROBLEMS OF LIFE

### *1 Peter 1:1-7, 7*

Notice the words manifold temptations in verse six. We suffer many temptations. Now notice the words “trial of your faith”. All the temptations are but one trial. You can either focus on the manifold temptations or the one trial. It seems that there are many problems hindering us from serving the Lord, but reality there is but one. With this as a background let's learn how to overcome the problems of life.

#### **FIRST, ACCEPT THAT PROBLEMS ARE NORMAL**

- Job 5:7, Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward
- Job 14:1, Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble
- 1 Co 10:13, There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man

#### **SECOND, ACCEPT THAT WE DON'T HAVE MANY PROBLEMS**

- We only have one problem that hinders us from getting right with God
- And it's that one problem that keeps us from getting right with God
- Our problem is that we have a problem with problems
- If we want to get the victory, we must stop dealing with the problems of life and start dealing with the problem we have with problems
- The problem with problems is that we simply don't like God allowing the problems
- So when we have a problem with problems, we really have a problem with God

#### **THIRD, ACCEPT THAT OUR PROBLEM IS THAT WE FOCUS ON OUR PROBLEMS**

- Peter had many problems walking on water. The rain, the wind and the waves, but the reason he began to sink was because he started focusing on his problems
- When he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and began to sink
- Peter didn't have a lot of problems; he had one problem, and that problem was focusing on all his problems, and this always happens when we get our eyes off Christ

*Part two of sermon below*

## **THE PROBLEM WITH PROBLEMS**

### ***Part two of the sermon entitled The Problems of Life***

#### **WE NEVER REALIZE WHAT THE REAL PROBLEM IS**

- A person that says we have lots of marital problems is telling me that they have a problem with problems
- None of the problems we have are real problems, the only real problem keeping us from getting right with God is the problem we have with problems
- We just won't accept that man temptations and trials are as common as junebugs in June, and mayflowers in May, and spring showers in Spring, and summer nights in the Summer

#### **IT CAUSES DISCOURAGEMENT**

- Why are some able to overcome while others are always discouraged? It's because some people don't have a problem with problems and some people do
- Again, it's not the problems that are the problem; it's the problem with the problems

#### **IT KEEPS US FROM THE WILL OF GOD**

- The person who has a problem with problems will always second guess the Lord's will and His Word
- Why? Because they will shy away from problems because they have a problem with problems