

Psalm 119:67 & 71 "Suffering is a Blessing in Disguise"

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[0 : 00] Hi, my name is George Sinclair. I'm the lead pastor of Church of the Messiah.

! It is wonderful that you would like to check out some of the sermons done by Church of the Messiah, either by myself or some of the others. Listen, just a couple of things. First of all, would you pray for us that we will open God's Word well to His glory and for the good of people like yourself?

The second thing is, if you aren't connected to a church and if you are a Christian, we really, I would really like to encourage you to find a good local church where they believe the Bible, they preach the gospel, and if you have some trouble finding that, send us an email. We will do what we can to help connect you with a good local church wherever you are. And if you're a non-Christian, checking us out, we're really, really, really glad you're doing that. Don't hesitate to send us questions. It helps me actually to know, as I'm preaching, how to deal with the types of things that you're really struggling with. So God bless.

It's our great privilege this morning to have as our guest speaker, Pastor Lim. I apologize, I'm not going to try to pronounce your first name. Pastor Lim is a Korean-Canadian pastor. He was providing millions of dollars of aid to the North Koreans when he disappeared in February 2015. The North Korean government had arrested him, claiming he was speaking out against their regime. On December 2015, Pastor Lim was sentenced to life in prison, doing hard labor for long hours a day. By the grace of God, Lim was released, Pastor Lim was released from detention on August 19th, 2017, after the intervention of the Trudeau government. And it is our great privilege that we can have you here to open the word for us and to share with us how persecution can sometimes be a road and an avenue to blessing.

[2 : 18] So Pastor Lim, I welcome you. Thank you. I have seen the reason for the Canada's land in the world. Over the past years, I have witnessed what I believe to be the wrath of God upon the land of Canada.

The reason for this wrath can be summed up in one word, sin. Why have we seen the world of Canada's land before we have seen the world of the world?

Why have we seen unprecedented and devastating wildfires across this land, the economic crisis, pandemics, and deep social divisions?

That's because God's people have not turned away from their wicked ways. First and foremost, the people of God must repent, turn away from their sins, and seek the face of God.

When we do this, our prayers will surely rise up to God, and we'll surely receive His answer.

[3 : 37] The only answer is prayer. When the earnest prayer is restored, we will overcome temptation, endure persecution, and even times of tribulation will be brought to an end.

Why are there so many wildfires in Australia? Why are there so many wildfires in California? Why are there so many wildfires in California? Amazon, also in Amazon. Canada's landmass, the wildfires in Canada consumed the landmass equivalent to Korea.

This is not unrelated to our sins. This is the symbol of fire's judgment. God's judgment can be divided into three.

First, physical. First, physical. Hail, tsunami, famine, famine, drought, and flooding.

[4 : 55] When God closes the heaven and stops the rain. Second is economics. There is recession and depression. There is recession and depression.

Farms get destroyed, animals get sick. Many people experience economic hardship. Many people experience economic hardship.

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North Korea ... I am not going to be able to think about you.

The Bible says continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison and those who are mistreated as you yourselves were suffering. I am not going to be able to talk about the underground church in North Korea.

[28:08] But one day I was in prison before I was in prison and the people of the underground church in North Korea found me.

About eight of them came. There was a program called reunification of families.

So people who were separated during the war were kind of reuniting and that's how they got to come to see me.

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