

*Why do people lose their **faith** when bad things happen?*

Intro:

- A. Judges 6:13
- B. Today, I want us to explore three reasons to the question above.
- C. These thoughts are intended for people capable of spiritual understanding and is not an exhaustive list of reasons to this question.
- D. Additionally, it is important to remember that all occasions of suffering are not the same in the sense of why they happen.
- E. But, hopefully our thoughts today will enlighten us in a way that helps us to remain faithful even in misfortune.
- F. L.S. *We lose our faith because.....*

I. _____

A. First, we attribute God's blessings to our _____

- 1. If I will be _____ then I will get blessings.
- 2. The gospel of _____ mentality.
- 3. Job knew that this was not the case in every circumstance- Job 21:7-16.

B. Second, we associate God's blessings with _____

- 1. The "_____ success" for "spiritual _____" theory.
- 2. Have you ever considered the possibility that all your material advantages are not blessings?
- 3. James 1:3.

II. _____

A. We think that we should be _____ from it.

B. However, as sinners we _____ to suffer.

C. Gen. 3 and 4

III. _____

A. First, we don't _____ how terrible it is.

B. Second, sometimes the _____ are delayed.

- 1. Ecc. 8:11
- 2. We have adopted a "_____ of _____" mentality to our sinful actions.