

**When Difficulty Comes**

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LOOK FOR THE MYSTERY WORD

GOSPEL	SHEDDING OF BLOOD	STRAIT
NARROW	JESUS GAVE HIMSELF	SUFFER
FAITH	FAITHFUL	PERSECUTION
TRUTH	INFLUENCE	DAILY
DILIGENCE	COMMUNION	CALLING
ELECTION	PERSONAL	WALK
CHARACTER	MANKIND	ESAU
JACOB	JESUS GIVES HOPE	ETERNAL

## Jesus Said

The law and the prophets were until John:  
from that time the gospel of the kingdom of  
God is preached, and every man entereth  
violently into it.

# When Difficulty Comes

## Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

**Website**

**Meeting Location**

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### I. **The Gospel and Difficulties:**

- A. The Gospel came through great difficulty:
  1. 1 Pet. 4:18-19 – scarcely – “with difficulty”
  2. Heb. 9:22 – “the shedding of blood”
  3. Titus 2:13-14 – Jesus “gave himself”
- B. Obedience is likewise difficult:
  1. Matt. 7:13-14 – “strait” = “being narrow”
  2. 2 Tim. 3:12 – shall suffer persecution
  3. Rev. 2:10 – “faithful unto death”

## II. Why Is Daily Godly Living Difficult?

- A. 1 Tim. 3:14-15 – The truth is not well received.
- B. 1 Tim. 4:16 – Individual influence for good depends on a daily walk with God.
- C. 1 Jn. 1:6; 2 Cor. 6:16 – Communion requires diligent attention.
- D. 2 Pet. 1:10 – When Peter said, “make your calling and election sure,” he did so after appealing to the need of developing personal character qualities.

## III. Difficulty is Universal:

- A. Acts 27:7, 8, 16 – Difficulty comes to all mankind.
- B. Gen. 47:9 – Jacob
  1. Gen. 27:41 – Esau sought to kill Jacob.
  2. Gen. 31:41 – Laban changed Jacob’s wages ten times.
  3. Gen. 34:2, 25, 30 – The ravishing of Dinah the response of his sons, and feared result.
  4. Gen. 35:16 – Buried a wife
  5. Gen. 37:31-35 – Deception of his sons, and loss of his son.
- C. Heb. 11:32-40 – The faithful endured
- D. Jam. 1:2-3 – Strong character
- E. 1 Pet. 1:3-9 – Trial work patience
- F. Mk. 10:29-30 – With hope of reward
- G. Matt. 11:28-29 – Jesus gives hope

## Going to the Scythians

In 2018, “A 26-year-old American missionary was killed on a remote island off the coast of India, where he attempted to share the gospel with the most isolated tribe in the world...’You guys might think I’m crazy in all this, but I think it’s worth it to declare Jesus to these people...Please do not be angry at them or at God if I get killed” (Christianity Today, November 21, 2018).

When the apostle Paul announces those accountable to God, and candidates to the blessing of Christ, he said, “where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bondman, freeman; but Christ is all, and in all” (Colossians 3:11).

Of these he speaks of the Scythians, who are described as, “a race of savages...they had the most filthy habits and never washed in water...they drank the blood of the first enemy killed in battle, and made napkins of the scalps and drinking bowls of the skulls of the slain...Their deities were many...but the most characteristic rite was the worship of the naked sword (ibid. 62), and they sacrificed every hundredth man taken in war to this deity. War was their chief business, and they were a terrible scourge to the nations of Western Asia.” (ISBE).

As we recall the words of Isaiah, after the Lord said, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Isaiah said, “Here am I; send me” (Isaiah 6:8).

Question: Would we go to the Scythians? ret