



Painful Providence

Ruth 1

Setting the stage of Ruth's desperation:

- A time of moral _____ . (v. 1a; Judges 21:25)
- A time of economic _____ . (v. 1b)
- A time of faithless _____ . (v. 1c-2)
- A time of personal _____ . (vv. 3-5)

4 Truths to cling to in our own mysterious darkness...

- God ordains tragic circumstances to bring about _____ ends. (vv. 7-13; Rom 8:28)
- In both prosperity and tragedy, we always have to count the cost of _____ . (vv. 14-18; Lev 26:12)
- We can't allow our circumstances to _____ how we see God. (vv. 19-21)
- We can know God is _____ to us even when He seems far away from us. (v. 22)