

## **Scriptures for Life**

## Suffering - Revelation 2:10

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Rev. 2:10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

These were the words spoken to the church of Smyrna. From the initial sound of it, one could think this body of believers had done some things wrong and they are about to go through a time of purification. However, this church never received one word of reproof or correction. Not one. Nada. Zero. In fact, the previous verse shows up to this point they have only been going through hard times.

9 I know your afflictions and your poverty — yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

We don't know why this church has to go through all the suffering in the end. The question is, will you be faithful if have to suffer?

Let this be a focus in your time of meditation throughout the day. Until next time, shalom!