

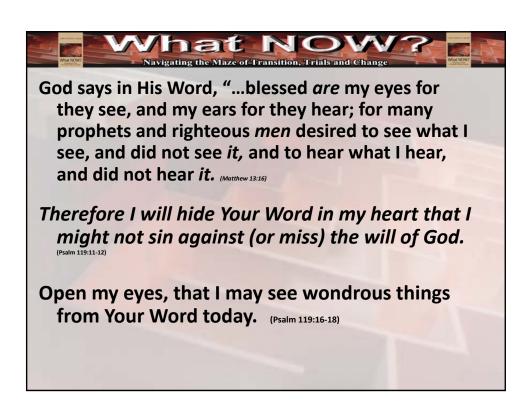


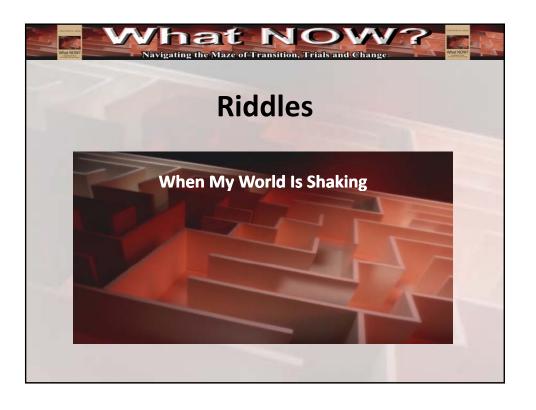
Proverbs 1

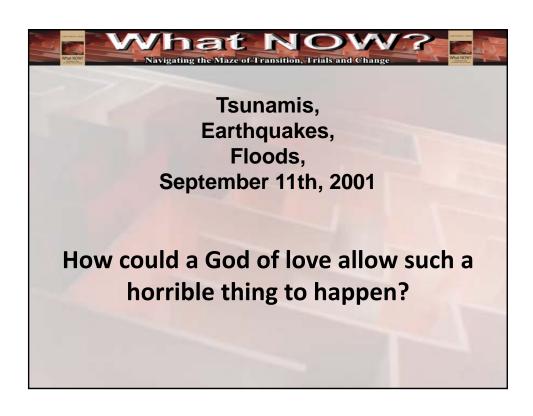
- 5 A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,
- 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles.

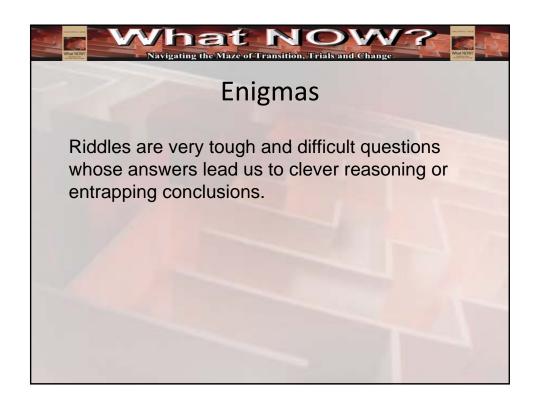


- Lord, I pray that the Word, today, would find good soil in my heart.
- I reject the thoughts of offense! Where the light of Your Word exposes my mistakes, I do not take offense. I will change and turn to You, my heavenly Father.
- I reject condemnation! Your Word says, "That Jesus did not come to condemn people." This Word does not come to condemn me, but it comes to heal me.
- I reject accusation! Satan is the accuser of brothers and sisters and this Word does not come to accuse me or abuse me. This Word exposes satan and his lies and I choose to believe and receive the TRUTH.

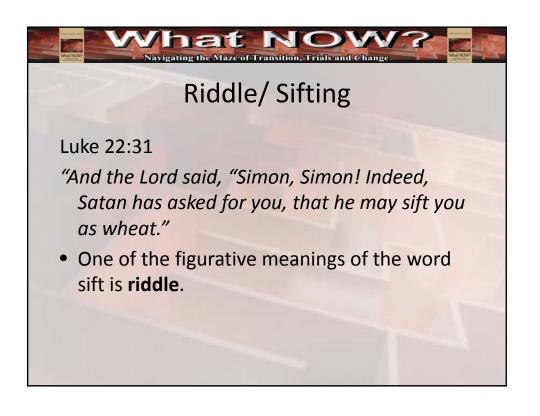








Enigmas/ Riddles 1. A riddle can help you through your own thought process to see another point of view. 2. A riddle can shake your basic beliefs and understanding about yourself or your life.





Riddles/Sifting

The effects of riddles can be seen in other definitions such as to shake, quiver, vibrate, or to rock to and fro.

These tough questions draw you into conclusions and reasoning that shakes or rocks you.



Foundation Shaking Riddles

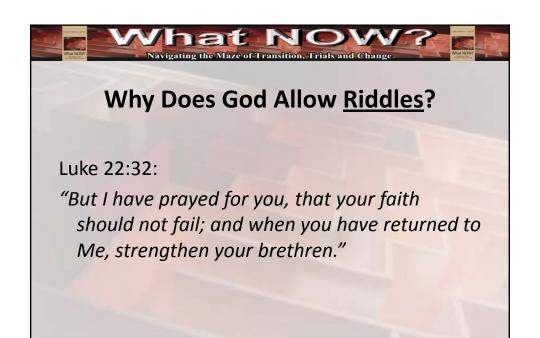
Foundation shaking riddles hit us when tragedies like the earthquake in Haiti come into our lives.

Why did God let this happen?
How do you know you won't be next?



Disappointments, devastation, decisions and destiny

- > Riddles usually follow disappointments and devastation.
- Devastating disappointment usually involve something we believe God could have or should have changed or prevented.





Nuggets of Wisdom for Riddles

- Learn how to make it through the seasons of disappointment and devastation.
- Live with the questions that you do not have answers for.
- Trust the answers God gives you.
- Trust God with the answers He places on hold; even in the silence that says, "I love you, but I cannot answer that question for you right now."



Hard to Trust

- Hard to trust God when in the back of your mind you are convinced He could have changed or prevented the circumstances.
- Riddles can paralyze you with fear and insecurity about your future.
- You can get to the point where you will blatantly disobey God because you are not too sure of what He may allow you to go through.



Course Changes and Shattered Dreams

- Riddles come when God allows our plans to fail.
- When plans fail it always means making changes because an expectation gets shattered.
- It means coming to terms with those things that were never meant to be.



Nuggets of Wisdom for Course Changes and Shattered Dreams

- Changing your course does not mean God made a change.
- We are being forced to face the fact that we have been going in the wrong direction.



Dreams vs. Fantasies

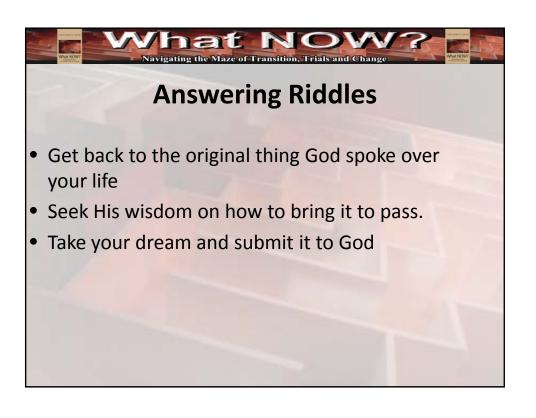
- People go through so many unnecessary trials and pains simply because they were being led by their own desires (fantasies).
- What many believe is the pursuit of God (their dream) is actually the pursuit of fantasies.
- Riddles help us to learn the difference between dreams and fantasies.



Purpose of Riddles

- This kind of intense opposition quickly brings you to the point where you cannot believe God ever had a plan for you in the first place.
- Go back to square one







Nuggets of Wisdom

- Don't forfeit your purpose simply because you would not submit under counsel and advice.
- Don't wander from church to church and city to city looking for someone or something to endorse, affirm and support you.
- Don't spend your time searching for a cheerleader or a financial support system.
- Your lack of success can be due to refusal to humble yourself under fathers, mothers and mentors.



God's Way

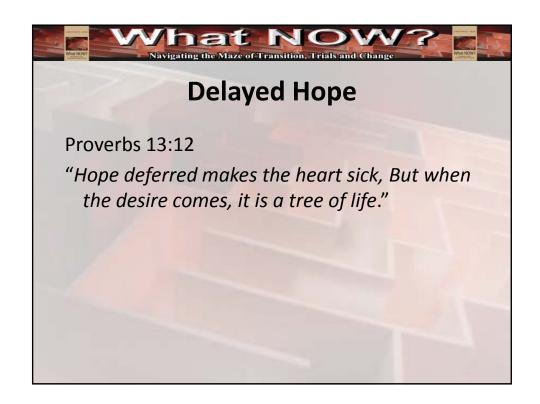
God has set it up so that we need:

- extended hands guiding you as you grow,
- pointing fingers teaching you as you learn,
- loving arms holding you when you are discouraged.
- familiar hands laid upon you to thrust you forth into your purpose.



HOPE is a desire and an expectation based upon

- HOPE is a desire and an expectation based upon what God has revealed.
- There is greatness in you that God is revealing every day, but we often allow the riddles of satan to steal the desire and expectation. It is a literal attack of hopelessness.
- This attack is most effective when there are long delays and dry seasons in our life.





Riddles of the Wise

The riddles of the wise

- will not allow you to settle for mediocrity, wallow in self-pity, sink into depression, or retreat in fear.
- The riddles of the wise strengthen you to face the riddles of life.
- Make up your mind to stop running away from their riddles.



Riddles of the Wise

Do not run away from the people who love you and into the arms of those who only care about what they can take from you.

- The sifting riddles of takers will tear you down,
- The sifting riddles of the wise will build you up.