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"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)

Good Grief!

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If you ever watched the Charlie Brown cartoons or read the Charlie Brown comic strip, you'll know that one of his favorite expressions was "Good Grief!" This phrase is what is called an oxymoron - i.e. a phrase containing contradictory elements. There are many such phrases in our language, such as a numb feeling, plastic glasses, clearly misunderstood, and Charlie Brown's favorite, "Good Grief!"

But have you ever taken the time to think about grief? Is there such a thing as "good grief?" Well, according to David there is, for he said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn your statutes." You see, sometimes affliction, poor health, misfortune, and grief can help focus our thoughts and priorities on the things in life that really matter.

The next time you are called upon to suffer or to experience grief - look for the good.