

# The Sufferings Of This Present Time

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## Not Worthy To Be Compared

Romans 8:18 ESV

**18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.**

*Romans 5:12 ESV*

*12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.*

*Romans 3:9-18 ESV*

*9 For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,*

*10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;*

*11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.*

*12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."*

*13 "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips."*

*14 "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."*

*15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;*

*16 in their paths are ruin and misery,*

*17 and the way of peace they have not known."*

*18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."*

## The Despair And Death Of Hoping For Life Without God

Romans 8:19-20 ESV

**19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.**

**20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope**

*Genesis 3:4-6 ESV*

*4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.*

*5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

*6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.*

*Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 ESV*

*10 And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil.*

*11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.*

*Ecclesiastes 2:17 ESV*

*17 So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a striving after wind.*

## **Even Nature Yearns To Be Free From The Suffering Of Sin**

**Romans 8:21-22 ESV**

**21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.**

**22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.**

*Isaiah 24:17-20 ESV*

*17 Terror and the pit and the snare are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth!*

*18 He who flees at the sound of the terror shall fall into the pit, and he who climbs out of the pit shall be caught in the snare. For the windows of heaven are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble.*

*19 The earth is utterly broken, the earth is split apart, the earth is violently shaken.*

*20 The earth staggers like a drunken man; it sways like a hut; its transgression lies heavy upon it, and it falls, and will not rise again.*

*2 Peter 3:7 NASB*

*7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.*

*2 Peter 3:10-12 NASB*

*10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.*

*11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,*

*12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!*

## **Death Or Rapture: Final And Ultimate Freedom From Indwelling Sin**

**Romans 8:23 ESV**

**23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.**

*1 Corinthians 15:42-44 ESV*

*42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.*

*43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.*

*44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.*

1 Corinthians 15:51-55 ESV

51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

## However Long It Takes, It Is A Hope Worth Waiting For

Romans 8:24-25 ESV

24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Job 19:25-27 ESV

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,

27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

## The Holy Spirit Is Within To Help Us Endure To The End

Romans 8:26-27 ESV

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

27 And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

1 Corinthians 14:2 ESV

2 For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:4 ESV

4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself...

Jude 1:20-21 ESV

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

## God Redeems Even Our Suffering, To Bring Us To That Day

#### Romans 8:28-30 ESV

**28** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

**29** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

**30** And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

#### *Psalm 139:13-16 ESV*

*13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.*

*14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.*

*15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.*

*16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.*

## The Security Of Our Salvation

#### Romans 8:31-39 ESV

**31** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**33** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

**34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

#### *Hebrews 7:25 ESV*

*25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.*

**35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**36** As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

**37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

**38** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

**39** nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.