

Romans Series

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The Epistle to the ROMANS

Suffering: The Whys and Wherefores Romans 8:17–18



Rom. 8:17, “and if children, heirs also, heirs of God, and fellow heirs with Christ if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

Rom. 8:18, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

Categories of Suffering

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1. Preventative suffering

Warns and instructs

**Job 33:16, “Then He opens the ears of men,
and seals their instruction.”**

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Turns from sin

Job 33:17a, “In order to turn man from his deed,”

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Prevent pride and sin associated with arrogance and pride

Job 33:17b, “In order to turn man from his deed, and conceal pride from man,”

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1. Preventative suffering

To protect from death

Job 33:30, “To bring back his soul from the Pit, that he may be enlightened with the light of life.”

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2. Corrective or disciplinary suffering:

In chastening, punitive, or disciplinary suffering the Lord punishes the believer who does not respond to preventative suffering.

Prov. 3:11, “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction;

Prov. 3:12, “For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.”

Ps. 6:1, “O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure.”

Categories of Suffering

3. Pedagogical or educational suffering

Job 36:22, “Behold, God is exalted by His power; Who teaches like Him?”

Job 34:32, “Teach me what I do not see; If I have done iniquity, I will do no more?”

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3. Pedagogical or educational suffering

**Ps. 25:8, “Good and upright is the Lord;
Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.**

**Ps. 25:9, “The humble He guides in justice,
And the humble He teaches His way.**

**Ps. 25:10, “All the paths of the Lord are mercy
and truth, To such as keep His covenant and
His testimonies.**

**Ps. 25:11, “For Your name’s sake, O Lord,
Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.”**

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3. Pedagogical or educational suffering

Ps. 25:12, “Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

Ps. 25:13, “He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth.

Ps. 25:14, “The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.”

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3. Pedagogical or educational suffering

Ps. 94:12, “Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, and teach out of Your law,”

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Ps. 119:66, “Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe Your commandments.”

Ps. 119:67, “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word.”

Ps. 119:71, “It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes.”

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3. Pedagogical or educational suffering

Deut. 8:3, “So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.”

Ps. 119:50, “This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life.”

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Ps. 77:1, “I cried out to God with my voice—to God with my voice; and He gave ear to me.

Ps. 77:2, “In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; My soul refused to be comforted.

Ps. 77:3, “I remembered God, and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.”

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3. Pedagogical or educational suffering

John 11:14, “Then Jesus said to them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead.

John 11:15, “ ‘And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him.’ ”

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3. Pedagogical or educational suffering

2 Cor. 8:1, “Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia:

2 Cor. 8:2, “that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.”

2 Cor. 8:9, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”

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4. Suffering to glorify God

John 9:3, “Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.’ ”

John 11:4, “When Jesus heard that, He said, ‘This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.’ ”

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4. Suffering to glorify God

2 Cor. 12:7, “And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

2 Cor. 12:8, “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.”

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4. Suffering to glorify God

2 Cor. 12:9, “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

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4. Suffering to glorify God

**Ps. 50:15, “Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”**

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5. Suffering to remove distractions and focus on the important issues in life

2 Cor. 1:9, “Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,

2 Cor. 1:10, “who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,”

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5. Suffering to remove distractions and focus on the important issues in life

Psa. 77:2, “In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; My soul refused to be comforted.”

James 5:13, “Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.”

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5. Suffering to remove distractions and focus on the important issues in life

1 Pet. 1:6, “In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,”

1 Pet. 1:13, “Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”