

## EMBRACING GOD’S PERSPECTIVE ON SUFFERING & GLORY (Romans 8:18-25)

- This study involves needed instruction and reminders for personal application and ministry to others:
- Putting this passage in its Romans context:

**18 For I** \_\_\_\_\_ {logizomai - to reckon; calculate; to add up the facts and arrive at a right conclusion or perspective} **that the** \_\_\_\_\_ {pathemas – plural; afflictions; tribulations; hardships; trials; what is assumed in this?}

**of this** \_\_\_\_\_ **time** {literally, the now time vs eternity} **are not worthy to be compared with the** \_\_\_\_\_ **which** \_\_\_\_\_ **in** {in or to} **us** {as believers in Christ}.

- What is the stark contrast in this verse?
- **Why are there sufferings and trials in the world?**
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ sin. (Romans 5:12; Genesis 3)
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_. (Job 14:1; Rom.1:28-32)
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_. (Gal. 6:7; 1 Peter 4:15)
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_. (Job 1-2; 1 Peter 5:8-9)
  - 5) **Suffering for the Savior** \_\_\_\_\_. (Jn.15:18-16:4)
  - 6) **God’s** \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen.45:5-9; 50:20; John 9:1-3)
  - 7) **God’s** \_\_\_\_\_ toward His children (1 Cor. 11:30-32) Heb. 12:5-11)
  - 8) **To** \_\_\_\_\_ and experience the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (2 Cor. 1:3-4, 8-10; Ps. 119:67, 71; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7)
  - 9) **To develop a true** \_\_\_\_\_ regarding what really matters in life. (James 1:9-11)
  - 10) **To receive a** \_\_\_\_\_ at the Judgment Seat of Christ. (James 1:12)
  - 11) **To prevent** \_\_\_\_\_ and to teach us \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Cor. 12:7-10)
  - 12) **To** \_\_\_\_\_ to the saved (2 Cor. 1:4) & be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the lost. (1 Peter 3:15-17)
  - 13) **To** \_\_\_\_\_ in everything, including suffering & even death. (1 Pet. 4:12-16)
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

- Does our Lord understand human suffering? (1 Peter 3:18; Isaiah 53:4-6)
- Does our Lord care about your trials and suffering? (1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 56:8; Lam. 3:22-24)

**19 For the earnest expectation** {noun: eager expectation or anticipation} **of the** {natural} **creation** {which remains under the Curse – Romans 5:12} \_\_\_\_\_ {verb: eagerly and patiently is waiting} **for the revealing** {noun: the revelation} **of the sons of God.**

**20 For the** {natural} **creation was subjected** {by God – Genesis 3} **to futility, not willingly** {of their own choice and volition}, **but because of Him** {God} **who subjected it** {the natural creation} **in** \_\_\_\_\_ {elpis – confident expectation of future blessing from God}.

**21 because** {what does this hope involve} **the** {natural} **creation itself** \_\_\_\_\_ **will be** \_\_\_\_\_ {future, passive, indicative - to be set free} **from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**

**22 For we** \_\_\_\_\_ {8:22, 26, 28} **that the whole** {natural} **creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.**

**23 Not only that, but we** {as believers in Christ} **also** {groan and labor} **who have the firstfruits of** \_\_\_\_\_ {2 Cor. 5: 4-5; Eph. 1:13-14}, **even we ourselves** \_\_\_\_\_ **within ourselves,** \_\_\_\_\_ **for the adoption,** {that is} **the redemption of our** \_\_\_\_\_.

**24 For we** {as believers in Christ} **were** \_\_\_\_\_ {aorist, passive, indicative} **in** \_\_\_\_\_ {of future glory & bodily redemption}, **but** \_\_\_\_\_ **that is seen is not** \_\_\_\_\_; **for why does one still** \_\_\_\_\_ **for what he sees?**

**25 But** \_\_\_\_ {1<sup>st</sup>} **we** \_\_\_\_\_ {elpizo – pres. act. indic.} **for what we do not see, we** \_\_\_\_\_ **for it** {glory/bodily redemption} **with** \_\_\_\_\_.