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HOLY AND
HOPE-FILLED LIVING
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

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Biblical Philosophy of Work



Biblical Response to Unjust Suffering

A THEOLOGY OF WORK:

The Value of Work:

Shown by Examples...

- God, Genesis 1...esp. v. 31.
- Jesus, John 5:17; Hebrews 1:3.
- Apostle Paul, Acts 20:32-35; II Thess. 3:6-9

A THEOLOGY OF WORK:

The Value of Work:

Shown by Instructions...

- God to Adam, Genesis 1:28; 2:7-8, 15-16.
- Paul to the Ephesians, Colossians, and Thessalonians.

A THEOLOGY OF WORK:

The Value of Work:

Shown by Predictions...

- Believers in the New Jerusalem, Revelation 22:3-5.

A THEOLOGY OF WORK:

The Value of Work:
Shown by Its Benefits...

A THEOLOGY OF WORK:

Work is not the result of the Fall!

Work is a divinely designed way of manifesting the image of God and fulfilling the will of God!

As such, work done in a noble way is noble, as an expression of God's will for the individual!

DETAILING OUR SUBMISSION:

The Instruction to be in Submission, 18.

The Attitude of Submission: “with all respect,” 18.

DETAILING OUR SUBMISSION:

The Extent of Submission, 18.

- Not only to those who are good!
- Not only to those who are gentle!
- But also to those who are unreasonable!

DETAILING OUR SUBMISSION:

The Specific Example of Submission—Suffering unjustly, 19-20.

- Unreasonable!
- Unjust!
- Harsh!

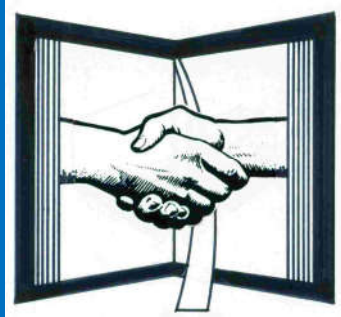
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- Conscience toward God, 19.
- Live a “credit-worthy” life!, 20.
- Fulfill your calling, 21.
- Follow your Example, 21ff.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS CONCERNING SUBMISSION:

1. God will reward our faithful suffering! James 1:12; Rev. 2:10
2. God is able to deliver us, when and if He chooses! Remember Acts 12!
3. God will avenge our ill-treatment! Romans 12:19.



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REMEMBER OUR PRIME
EXAMPLE OF HUMILITY AND
SUBMISSION...

The Lord Jesus Christ!

Philippians 2:5-8; I Peter 2:23;
Hebrews 10:7-9; 5:8