

**THE
PROBLEM OF
SUFFERING...**

Developing a Biblical Theology of Suffering!

**Lessons on Suffering...
from those
who have “been there!”**

**Biblical People
Who Questioned Suffering...**

**WHAT SUFFERING DOES NOT
(NECESSARILY) MEAN...**

Sources of Suffering...

- Living in a fallen world!
- Satan!
- Other people
- Yourself
- God

Biblical Principles Concerning Suffering

1. God is sovereign...He is in control!
2. God is good and His will is good.
3. Any suffering we face in this life is allowed by God to accomplish a good purpose.

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4. You may not ever know (in this life) the purpose God had for your suffering.
5. Suffering is a common part of life!
6. Suffering is especially a common part of a Christian's life.

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7. Some suffering is necessary!
8. Any suffering we face in this life will be far less than we deserve.
9. Any suffering we face in this life will be far less than Jesus bore for us!

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10. Any suffering we face in this life will not compare to the glory God will give us in heaven.

11. God will never allow you to be tempted (by the suffering) beyond what you are able.

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12. God's grace is sufficient for you in whatever you may be suffering.

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WHY GOD MAY ALLOW SUFFERING

- To Bring Glory to Him!
- To Produce Character Traits In Us
And Conform Us To The Image of
Jesus!

Character Traits Such As...

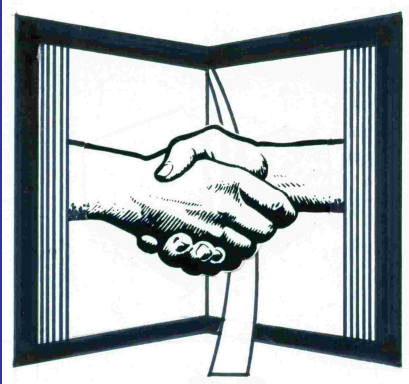
- ✓ Proven Character
- ✓ Hope
- ✓ Humility
- ✓ Compassion for others
- ✓ Obedience
- ✓ Holiness

Character Traits Such As...

- ✓ Righteousness
- ✓ Endurance
- ✓ Maturity!

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- To Bring Glory to Him!
- To Produce Character Traits In Us And Conform Us To The Image of Jesus!
- To Test Our Faith
- To Prepare Us To Minister To Others In The Future



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