

**THE  
PROBLEM OF  
SUFFERING...**

Developing a  
Biblical  
Theology  
of Suffering!

# We've Considered...

- Biblical Principles Concerning Suffering
- Why God May Allow Suffering

# HOW TO RESPOND WHEN YOU ARE SUFFERING

- Don't be surprised...always be on guard, I Peter 4:12.
- Check to make sure that your suffering is not the result of personal sin, I Peter 3:17; 4:14-16

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- Maintain proper Scriptural perspective...
  - ✓ Faith: keep trusting God and entrusting yourself to Him, 1 Peter 2:23; 4:19

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- Maintain proper Scriptural perspective...
  - ✓ Know that the suffering is not forever and focus on your future reward, Romans 8:18; II Corinthians 4:16-18; I Peter 5:10.

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- Maintain proper Scriptural perspective...
  - ✓ Do not lose heart! II Cor. 4:16-18; Hebrews 12:1-3.

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- Maintain proper spiritual activities:
  - ✓ Rejoice in the Lord, James 1:2; Philippians 3:1; 4:4.
  - ✓ Give thanks to God for all things and in all things, Ephesians 5:20; I Thess. 5:18

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- Maintain proper spiritual activities:
  - ✓ Pray, James 5:13; I Peter 5:6-7; Romans 10:12.
  - ✓ Stay in the Word, Psalm 119:49-52, 92-93, 97-100; Romans 15:4.

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- Maintain proper spiritual activities:
  - ✓ Stay in fellowship with other believers, Romans 12:15; I Thess. 5:11, 14; Hebrews 10:24-25.

# HOW TO RESPOND WHEN YOU ARE SUFFERING

- Maintain proper spiritual activities:
  - ✓ Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might, Eph. 6:10-13; I Peter 2:23.
  - ✓ Stay faithful, I Peter 5:9!

**KEEP ON KEEPING ON!**

# HOW TO RESPOND WHEN YOU ARE SUFFERING

- Make sure that you do not respond to the suffering with sin, Philippians 1:27; I Peter 2:23.
- Do not become bitter, Hebrews 12:15.

**HOW TO RESPOND**  
**WHEN YOU ARE SUFFERING**

**FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE  
OF OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST,  
WHEN HE ENDURED  
UNJUST SUFFERING!!!**



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