

Suffering

Suffering is a major topic in this epistle. Since we live in a fallen world, are burdened with a fallen nature, and are surrounded by fallen angels, we all experience the feelings of pain or distress. Suffering in the context of our study is: to be affected injuriously; experience loss or injury or to undergo punishment. If we are to stand until Christ returns, we MUST learn to endure suffering in a godly way. Many, many people have given up on God because they were not prepared to endure under suffering. We must train ourselves to suffer godly just as our Lord did.

1Peter 1:11 - The writings of the prophets and the apostles most often follow suffering with the hope of glory. Christ's suffering was grueling like none other, but the glories were and are extraordinary and eternal. Learning to focus our thinking on the hope in time of suffering is a major key to success. Hebrews 11:1-12:3.

2:19-25 - Sin often has harsh treatment that follows, and we gain nothing profitable from enduring under its pain. Many people, if not most, have endured horrendous suffering because of their sin. If for doing right we wrongly suffer but patiently endure, we find favor [grace or kindness] with God.

21-25 - Our call is to behave like Christ.

Romans 8: 16-18 - Christ made the comparison, according to Hebrews 12:1-3. Likewise we should do the same.

Yahweh prepared His Son to suffer when He had the prophets write the suffering psalms. See Isaiah 42, 49, 50, 53, and Psalm 22. On the cross, the greatest example of suffering godly, he uttered the following from Psalm 22. Memorize Scripture.

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"
Matthew 27:46

3:14-ff - We do suffer for the sake of righteousness. Unbelievers suffer for the sake of unrighteousness. At times, we endure slander and rejection, but again we have the example of Christ. His suffering produced eternal glory and results. As we endure under the pressure of suffering, we too will receive glory, blessing in eternity.

1Peter 4:1 and 2

Lamentations 3:1-38 - Wait silently, while focusing on Yahweh. Psalm 73:25-28; 91:2

James 1:2-5 - Consider it all joy (Hebrews 12:1-3). Consider, think about, all those who have gone before us, especially Jesus.

1Corinthians 10:1-10 - Teach yourself to live one day at a time, one hour at a time, one thought at a time.

2Corinthians 10:3-5

Prepare To Endure Suffering:

- Compare suffering to glory
- Consider Jesus
- Prepare yourself with the Scriptures
- Memorize Scripture
- Pray as Jesus did
- Live one day at a time
- Control one thought at a time

Right Living

4:2-6

Sensuality - Relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of appetite, fleshly

Carousing - Village festival; what we would call partying Romans 13:13 and Galatians 5:21

3 - Abominable idolatries - When they were gentiles, these behaviors were common since they were part of worshipping false gods. 1Peter 1:14 and 2:11

4 - Dissipation - Wastefulness or unsavedness Ephesians 5:18; malign, Greek *-blasphemeo* meaning slander or dishonor, hurling abuse

5 - Acts 10:42; 2Tim 4:1; Mat 12:36; John 5:22; Acts 17:31; Romans 14:10, 12; and James 5:9.

In view of the fact that everyone will be judged, the gospel was preached even to some who have died already.

7 - As Peter's manner is throughout the epistle, he makes a statement and a logical conclusion. 1Peter 1:13; 5:8

Romans 13:11 and 12 - And this do, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

1Thessalonians 5:6 - So then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.

James 5:8 - You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Luke 21:36 -"But keep on the alert at all times, praying in order that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Titus 2:12 - Instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

Matthew 24:42 -"Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 25:13 - "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

1Corinthians 7:29 - But this I say, brethren, the time has been shortened, so that from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none;

Ephesians 6:18 - With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

Colossians 4:2 - Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;

8 - Love covers a multitude of sins. Where love abounds in a fellowship, many small offences and even some large ones are readily overlooked and forgotten. Where love is lacking, every word is viewed with suspicion; every action is susceptible to misunderstanding, and conflicts abound.

Proverbs 10:12; 1Peter1:22; James 5:20; Proverbs 17:9

9 - Hospitality is a Christian duty offered ungrudgingly to one another.

Romans 12:13; Hebrew 13:2; Philippians 2:14

11 - We serve with the God-given ability, not just our own natural ability.

12-16 Do not be surprised with suffering; rather, be prepared. 1:6 and 7

14 - Romans 5:1-5 - The origin of the suffering is not the point rather how it affects us for it can be a great help or our demise. We determine by our reactions.

17 - "Household" is the same word translated earlier as "house," so it reads: "the house of God," that is the temple of God which we are. "Time for judgment to begin with the household [temple] of God" suggests a connection to Ezekiel 9 and Malachi 3.