

# If God is Good, How can He allow Suffering?

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## Romans 8:18

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

## 1. WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE REALITY OF SUFFERING

John 16:33

In this world you will have trouble...

John 11:35

Jesus wept.

1 Peter 1:6

... now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

## 2. WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE SOURCE OF SUFFERING

Genesis 3: (The Fall)

## 3. WE MUST REMEMBER GODS PURPOSE IN PAIN

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 5:3-4

3 ... we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.

1 Peter 1:6-7

6 ... now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that your faith — of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

## 4. WE MUST LOOK TO THE CROSS

Isaiah 53:3

[Jesus] was ... a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

Luke 22:15

[Jesus] said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

Romans 5:8

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Hebrews 5:8

[Jesus] learned obedience from what he suffered.

## 5. WE MUST TRUST THAT SUFFERING IS TEMPORARY

Revelation 21:4-5

4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

Psalms 34:18

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

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