

Romans 8:18-39 **Sufferings of this age – Glory to follow at Redemption of Body**

Present Suffering – Future Glory

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

All Creation suffering until deliverance at the Redemption of our bodies.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Hope for the unseen Promise

24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

Spirit makes intercession for us

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

All things work for our good

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Predestination

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Nothing can separate us from the Love of Christ – More than Conquerors

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written:

"For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Present Suffering – Future Glory

- ✚ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. [Romans 8:18]
- ✧ Knowledge of the future glory promised in Scripture, makes all the suffering we encounter in the mortal body seem insignificant.
- ✧ It was the knowledge of the Glory that was ahead, that encouraged Jesus to accept the sufferings He faced as He went to the Cross for our sake. [Hebrews 12:2]
- ✧ The future glory includes the promises:
 - ✧ Eternal Life in the presence of God our Savior and Jesus Christ His Son. [Romans 6:8, 8:16-17, Philippians 1:23, Colossians 3:4, 1 Thessalonians 3:13, 2 Timothy 2:10, Revelation 20:4-6]
 - ✧ New spiritual bodies that will never suffer sickness, sorrow, crying, pain, or death. [1 Corinthians 15:35-58, Revelation 21:4-5]
 - ✧ We will be like Jesus. [1 John 3:2]
 - ✧ So many others I don't have space to list them all here.

All Creation suffering until deliverance at the Redemption of our bodies.

- ✚ When sin entered the world through Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, not only did humanity begin to die as their originally eternal bodies lost their eternity and began the deteriorating process, but everything created was affected and began to deteriorate along with humankind. [Romans 8:19-23]
- ✧ The touch of sin affected all of creation, just as the touch of sin defiles the land of a nation where the people sin. [Leviticus 18:24-30]
- ✧ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the **revealing of the sons of God**. [Romans 8:19]
- ✧ When God cursed Adam, He also cursed the ground, and all creation was subjected to the process of death and decay, not by its own choice, but by the will of God. [Genesis 3:17-19]
- ✧ God wants our access to eternal life to be His doing and not ours. We sinned, but God provided the only means of covering our sins by the atoning blood of Jesus Christ His Son and our only Savior. [Isaiah 43:11, 45:21-22, Hosea 13:4, John 4:42, Acts 13:23, Philippians 3:20, 1 Timothy 4:10, 2 Timothy 1:8-10]
- ✧ There is an appointed time when the Saints will receive their glorified bodies, the curse will be removed from the earth, and all creation will be delivered from bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the Children of God.
- ✧ Until that time, humanity and all creation groan together under the curse of corruption.
- ✧ Even believers who have the firstfruits of the Spirit suffer under the same affliction of deteriorating and dying bodies as they eagerly wait for the adoption, the redemption of our body. [1 Corinthians 15:35-58]

Hope for the unseen Promise [Romans 8:24]

- ✚ Hope results from faith believing the promise God has made for us of a glorious future.
- ✧ If we already had the promise, we would not be hoping for it.
- ✧ If we hope for what is to come in the future, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance, steadfast on the path of faith.

Spirit makes intercession for us

- ✠ God has not left us helpless on our own in the midst of our suffering, but has provided the Holy Spirit to be our helper. [Romans 8:26, John 14:15-16, 26, 15:26, 16:7]
- ✧ When we do not know how to pray, the Holy Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
- ✧ The Holy Spirit knows the mind and heart, and makes intercession for the Saints according to the Will of God. [Romans 8:27]

All things work for our good

- ✠ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. [Romans 8:28]
- ✧ This confident assurance makes the most difficult trial that comes along worthwhile, knowing that it has a positive benefit for our future relationship with God Who is able to make it work out for our advantage.

Predestination

- ✠ God foreknew those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. [Romans 8:28-30]
- ✧ God knows in advance who will chose to love Him.
- ✧ Those who love God are predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that Jesus might be the firstborn among many brethren.
- ✧ Those who love God and are predestined to be conformed to the image of Jesus, He called, Justified, and will also glorify.
- ✧ Those who are predestined to this glorious destiny are those who love God and are called according to His purpose.
- ✧ The destiny is predestined for those who love God.
- ✧ The choice to love God is a personal choice.

If God is for us, who can be against us? [Romans 8:31-34]

- ✠ God so loved the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting Life. [John 3:16]
- ✠ God Who held such great love for us, that He did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, will also freely give us all things.
 - ✧ Who can bring any charge against God's Elect whom God has justified?
 - ✧ If we are justified by God, no one will be able to condemn us.
 - ✧ Jesus died for our sins, is risen and exalted to the right hand of God, where He also makes intercession for us.

Nothing can separate us from the Love of Christ – More than Conquerors [Romans 8:35-39]

- ✠ No problem or trial is so great that it can separate us from the love of Christ.
 - ✧ Tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or sword can not come between us and the Love of Jesus.
 - ✧ Paul then quotes David:
 - "For Your sake we are killed all day long;
 - We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." [Psalm 44:22]
 - ✧ David also said:
 - 7 Where can I go from Your Spirit?
 - Or where can I flee from Your presence?
 - 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there;
 - If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.
 - 9 If I take the wings of the morning,
 - And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

10 Even there Your hand shall lead me,
And Your right hand shall hold me.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me,"
Even the night shall be light about me;
12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,
But the night shines as the day;
The darkness and the light are both alike to You.
[\[Ps 139:7-12\]](#)

Whatever our lot in life we are More than Conquerors in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior

- ✠ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through God who loved us.
- ✧ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- ✧ God demonstrated His great love for us when He sent Jesus to be our Savior.