

Suffering for the Glory of God

Week 1: The Problem of Suffering and the Bible's Answer

The wisdom of God and a call to trust

Week 2: God's Revealed Purposes for Suffering

How God can use suffering for our good and His glory

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The importance of heaven and hell for a suffering Christian

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The empathy of a suffering God

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Temptations to find hope in what is passing away

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Making the most of your suffering for the glory of God

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Biblical wisdom for the persecuted

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Core Seminars—Suffering for God's Glory **Class 3: The Future of Suffering**



The importance of heaven and hell in the suffering of a Christian

I. Introduction

II. Hell and the Last Day

(Matt. 8:12, 13:42, Mk. 9:43, 48; 2 Thes. 1:9)

Rev. 14:11 “And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night.”

Exodus 34:7b “He does not leave the guilty unpunished...”

III. Hell and Today

(Rom. 3:25-26, 3:10-11; Eph. 2:3)

Rom. 12:19 “Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord”

IV. Heaven and the Last Day

Rev. 21:4 “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.”

V. Heaven and Today

Philippians 3:20-21: “But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”

Psalms 56:8 “You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?”

1 Corinthians 4:17-18, “For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”

Philippians 3:8 – “What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ.”

VI. Conclusion – Cultivating an eternal perspective...