

Romans #115

“Our Present Sufferings”

The believer in the angelic dispute is off balance but then stabilized by the intake and application of biblical truth as he walks by the Holy Spirit and by faith.

Praise God, the exception is removed for carnality by recovery in 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9 and for rebellion through consistent learning and applying God’s Word.

*So, all suffering is ultimately designed for blessing with the exception being divine discipline and the exception is removed and the cursing turned to blessing when appropriate measures have been met.*

Whatever suffering is going to come to you will only occur in time; eternity is minus suffering; Revelation 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.”

And there is no suffering too great for the plan of God because God’s provision for suffering greater than any pressure of life.

*The disciplines and restraints of childhood imposed by our parents are now replaced by the disciplines and restraints of suffering, replacing the role of parents in our lives.*

Suffering is either a warning that we’re doing it wrong or a means of greater blessing.

The only restraint some people ever have after they leave home is suffering from their bad decisions.

*Suffering never leaves us as it found us; as a result of suffering, we are either better or worse for it.*

Outside the plan of God, all suffering is designed to bring us back to reality to the point of recovery, to show us that our scale of values is wrong and we must change our priorities.

So whatever suffering comes into our life,

it’s ultimately designed for blessing but whether blessing takes place or not depends on certain factors in our life.

*Preventative suffering originates from the believer’s negative reaction to the Word of God and*

*his accumulated bad decisions related to sin and evil.*

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There is no suffering too great for the plan of God; all problems of suffering are resolved with God's solutions accumulated from His Word.

**When we stand up for the truth, someone, somewhere is going to reject it and us and that's part of suffering.**

It's costly to take the path of great resistance to spiritual maturity but the suffering included is a valuable lesson and it glorifies God.

*Suffering is necessary for character and integrity building now and for future blessing and reward in eternity.*

When Jesus Christ returns at the Second Advent to establish His Messianic Kingdom, certain Church Age believers will rule and reign with Him as co-heirs, so, we are to live our present lives in light of eternity, giving us a personal sense of our destiny in sharing His glory!

**We suffer because of Adam's original sin and we're living in a fallen world with fallen people and rather than being discouraged in defeat, we know this is a fallen world and God expects us trust Him, sharing His happiness in spite of our circumstances because of our future hope of glory.**

It's not just choosing to sin and reaping negative consequences but it's also a bad choice to react to suffering making it worse by not claiming the promises of God when we need them most.

*The unbeliever must rely on honor, integrity, honesty and upholding the rights of life, liberty, privacy and property given to men as God's laws of establishment.*

Unbelievers that fail to live by the divine laws and believers that fail to take in Bible truth in their souls will have some form of neurosis.

