

Life in the Spirit: Help with Suffering, Part 2
Romans 8:18-25

Getting Started

- ❖ This message focused on verse 20 and the sovereignty of God. What do we mean when we say, “God is sovereign.”? What are your thoughts and reactions to the application that “God is sovereign over all suffering and through it brings about His glorious plan”?
- ❖ **Opening Prayer Time:** Pray, honoring God for His sovereign care in your life.

Digging Deeper

- ❖ **Read and discuss Exodus 6:28-7:7.**
 - How does God identify himself in verse 29? Cross reference this with Ex. 3:14. What is God saying about Himself in these verses?
 - In 7:2-4, what is Moses to tell Pharaoh and what is he told will happen?
 - What do you think it means when the Lord says, “I will harden Pharaoh’s heart”? What are the implications of this action by the Lord to Pharaoh? What does it tell us about God and His sovereignty?
 - Against whom does the Lord execute His judgments? See Exodus 7:4 and Exodus 12:12. What does this say about God and His sovereignty?
 - What will be the final result of the Lord’s great acts of judgment poured out upon the nation of Egypt?
- ❖ **Jerry gave us 5 simple statement to help us understand God’s sovereignty. Read and discuss these statements in light of the sermon and your knowledge of Scripture.**
 - By “sovereign” we mean that God rules over His creation and owns everything.
 - His sovereignty is a result of who He is.
 - There are no accidents or coincidences that just “happen” to us by chance.
 - Absolutely nothing in this universe can stop God from fulfilling His divine plan.
 - We are not given the latitude to pass judgement on what God does or permits to happen.
- ❖ **Read the following passages out of 2 different translations and discuss them in light of our suffering. Exodus 4:11; Deuteronomy 32:39; Job 2:7-10**

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❖ **Applying this sermon to Our Lives**

- What do you think about the idea that we must suffer in order to understand the love of God for us and the goodness of God to us?

Think About It!

I take no comfort from the prospect that God cannot control the flight of a four-by-four [beam]. For me there is no consolation in haphazardness. Nor in giving Satan the upper hand. As I knelt by my bed and wept, having received the dreaded phone call from my brother-in-law, I never doubted that God was sovereign over this accident and that God was good. I do not need to explain everything. That he reigns and that he loves is enough for now. (John Piper)

Praying Together

This week pray for our church in light of the Sunday afternoon church meeting.

(Note: In this year's study of Romans, our study questions are being inspired by or derived from books, commentaries and bible studies authored by: Pastors Matt Smith, Max Lucado, John MacArthur, R.C. Sproul, Jack Hayford and Tim Keller.)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

February 9, 2020 | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

WORSHIP SONGS

SHOUT HOSANNA

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Brett Younker, Kristian Stanfill, and Ed Cash, 2015

To the King of glory and light, all praises; to the only Giver of life, our Maker, the gates are opened wide; we worship You. Come see what love has done, amazing; He bought us with His blood, our Savior; the cross has overcome; we worship You.

Shout Hosanna, Jesus, He saves. Shout Hosanna, He rose from the grave; come and lift Him up, Hosanna.

Now let the lost be found, forgiven; death could not hold Him down, He's risen. So let the saints cry out; we worship You, we worship You.

The same power that rolled the stone away, the same power alive in us today; King Jesus, we call upon Your Name, no other name.

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME (WE CROWN YOU)

**Words by Edward Perronet, 1779 / Music by Oliver Holden, 1793
Additional chorus by Paxson Jeancake, 2015**

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate, fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the Fall.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

*We crown you, we crown you Lord of all.
We crown you, we crown you Lord of all.*

O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

YOUR WORD STILL SPEAKS TO ME

Words by Paxson Jeancake / Music by Paxson Jeancake, Allison Jeancake, and Brian Steckler, 2013

Your Word still speaks to me, Your high priestly plea. From the right hand of God through the Spirit of love, Your Word still speaks to me.

Your blood still atones for me though far from Calv'ry. From the wood of the cross You paid the great cost, Your blood still atones for me.

*Wonderful God on high; wonderful God on high;
Everything, You provide; wonderful God on high.*

Your grace still awakens me; breaks through my complacency. From the wonders above to a small act of love, Your grace still awakens me.

Your face, one day, I'll see; though dimly, now, to me. In the blink of an eye, Your glory will shine; Your face, one day I'll see. Your face, one day I'll see. Your Word still speaks to me.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

Words and Music by Christy Nockels and Nathan Nockels, 2009

Our God is a consuming fire, a burning, holy flame
with glory and freedom. Our God is the only righteous judge,
ruling over us with kindness and wisdom.

And we will keep our eyes on You. We will keep our eyes on You.

*A mighty fortress is our God. A sacred refuge is Your name.
Your kingdom is unshakable; with You forever we will reign.*

Our God is jealous for His own. None could comprehend
His love and His mercy. Our God is exalted on His throne,
high above the heavens, forever He's worthy.

We will keep our eyes on You. We will keep our eyes on You.
So, we can set our hearts on You. Lord, we will set our hearts on You.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 150; Genesis 24:50-67; 2 Tim. 2:14-21; Mark 10:13-22

MONDAY | Ps. 5; Genesis 25:19-34; Heb. 13:1-16; John 7:37-52

TUESDAY | Ps. 42; Genesis 26:1-33; Heb. 13:17-25; John 7:53:8:11

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 33; Genesis 27:1-29; Rom. 12:1-8; John 8:12-20

THURSDAY | Ps. 97; Gen. 27:30-45; Rom. 12:9-21; John 8:21-32

FRIDAY | Ps. 51; Genesis 27:46-28:4-22; Rom. 13:1-14; John 8:33-47

SATURDAY | Ps. 104; Genesis 29:1-20; Rom. 14:1-23; John 8:47-59

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Based on 1 Corinthians 2:11-14

Brothers and sisters, what do we believe concerning the Spirit and our understanding of God?

We believe that no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. We believe that we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. We believe that we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.



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