

# Romans Series

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# **The Epistle to the ROMANS**

## **Ten Reasons Why We Suffer Romans 8:17–18**





**Rom. 8:17, “and if children, heirs also, heirs of God, and fellow heirs with Christ if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.**

**Rom. 8:18, “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.”**



# Categories of Suffering



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## **1. Preventative suffering**

**Warns and instructs**

**Job 33:16, “Then He opens the ears of men,  
and seals their instruction.”**



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**Turns from sin**

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**Prevent pride and sin associated with arrogance and pride**

**Job 33:17b, “In order to turn man from his deed, and conceal pride from man,”**



# **Categories of Suffering**

## **1. Preventative suffering**

**To protect from death**

**Job 33:30, “To bring back his soul from the Pit, that he may be enlightened with the light of life.”**



# **Categories of Suffering**

## **2. Corrective or disciplinary suffering:**

**In chastening, punitive, or disciplinary suffering the Lord punishes the believer who does not respond to preventative suffering.**



**Prov. 3:11, “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction;**

**Prov. 3:12, “For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.”**

**Ps. 6:1, “O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure.”**



# **Categories of Suffering**

## **3. Pedagogical or educational suffering**

**Job 36:22, “Behold, God is exalted by His power; Who teaches like Him?”**

**Job 34:32, “Teach me what I do not see; If I have done iniquity, I will do no more?”**



## **Categories of Suffering**

### **3. Pedagogical or educational suffering**

**Ps. 25:8, “Good and upright is the Lord;  
Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.**

**Ps. 25:9, “The humble He guides in justice,  
And the humble He teaches His way.**

**Ps. 25:10, “All the paths of the Lord are mercy  
and truth, To such as keep His covenant and  
His testimonies.**

**Ps. 25:11, “For Your name’s sake, O Lord,  
Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.”**



## **Categories of Suffering**

### **3. Pedagogical or educational suffering**

**Ps. 25:12, “Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.**

**Ps. 25:13, “He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth.**

**Ps. 25:14, “The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.”**



# **Categories of Suffering**

## **3. Pedagogical or educational suffering**

**Ps. 94:12, “Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, and teach out of Your law,”**



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**Ps. 119:66, “Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe Your commandments.**

**Ps. 119:67, “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word.”**

**Ps. 119:71, “It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes.”**



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## **3. Pedagogical or educational suffering**

**Deut. 8:3, “So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.”**



## **Categories of Suffering**

### **3. Pedagogical or educational suffering**

**Ps. 119:50, “This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life.”**

**Ps. 119:67, “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word.”**

**Ps. 119:71, “It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes.”**



## **Categories of Suffering**

### **3. Pedagogical or educational suffering**

**Ps. 77:1, “I cried out to God with my voice—to God with my voice; and He gave ear to me.**

**Ps. 77:2, “In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; My soul refused to be comforted.**

**Ps. 77:3, “I remembered God, and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.”**



# **Categories of Suffering**

## **3. Pedagogical or educational suffering**

**John 11:14, “Then Jesus said to them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead.**

**John 11:15, “ ‘And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him.’ ”**



## **Categories of Suffering**

### **3. Pedagogical or educational suffering**

**2 Cor. 8:1, “Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia:**

**2 Cor. 8:2, “that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.”**

**2 Cor. 8:9, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”**



# **Categories of Suffering**

## **4. Suffering to glorify God**

**John 9:3, “Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.’ ”**

**John 11:4, “When Jesus heard that, He said, ‘This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.’ ”**



# **Categories of Suffering**

## **4. Suffering to glorify God**

**2 Cor. 12:7, “And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.**

**2 Cor. 12:8, “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.”**



# **Categories of Suffering**

## **4. Suffering to glorify God**

**2 Cor. 12:9, “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”**



# **Categories of Suffering**

## **4. Suffering to glorify God**

**Ps. 50:15, “Call upon Me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”**



## **Categories of Suffering**

### **5. Suffering to remove distractions and focus on the important issues in life**

**2 Cor. 1:9, “Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,**

**2 Cor. 1:10, “who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,”**



## **Categories of Suffering**

### **5. Suffering to remove distractions and focus on the important issues in life**

**Psa. 77:2, “In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; My soul refused to be comforted.”**

**James 5:13, “Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.”**



## **Categories of Suffering**

### **5. Suffering to remove distractions and focus on the important issues in life**

**1 Pet. 1:6, “In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,”**

**1 Pet. 1:13, “Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”**



# Ten Reasons Why We Suffer



**1. Adamic Responsibility; the result of the fall of sin.  
We are all guilty of Adam's sin.**

**Gen. 2:17, "In the day you eat thereof you will surely die."**



**Rom. 8:18, “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.**

**Rom. 8:19, “For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.**

**Rom. 8:20, “For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;**

**Rom. 8:21, “because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”**



## **2. Individual volitional responsibility**

**Gal. 6:7, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”**



**3. Divine discipline, punitive: an intensification beyond the natural consequences for the action.**

**Heb. 12:5, “and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, ‘My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reproved by Him;**

**Heb. 12:6, “ ‘For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.’ ”**



**4. We are associated with someone who is suffering for reasons 2 or 3.**



## **5. Living in the Kosmic System.**



**6. A wake up call evangelistically. Acts 16 with the jailor. All of a sudden he was going to die because these guys were escaping.**



## **7. Suffering motivates us to learn doctrine.**

**Psa. 119:71, “It is good for me that I was afflicted,  
That I may learn Thy statutes.”**



**8. To be a witness to neighbors, friends, and those who are around us.**

**1 Tim. 1:16, “And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.”**



## **9. To be a witness in the angelic conflict.**

**Eph. 3:10, “in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.”**



**10. That we can comfort others with the comfort with which we have been comforted.**

**2 Cor. 1:4, “who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”**