



# SUFFERING TO GLORY

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“Tôi nghĩ rằng những  
sự đau khổ hiện tại  
không đáng so sánh  
với vinh quang tương  
lai sẽ được tỏ ra cho  
chúng ta



"I consider that our present  
sufferings are not worth  
comparing with the glory that  
will be revealed."  
Romans 8:18

# Suffering

## The bad sufferings

- Individual choices
- Sins
- Sinful condition of man

## The good sufferings

- For instruction
- For growth
- For others



# SUFFERING TO GLORY OF



- The Perfect One - Jesus Christ
- A righteous – Job
- Believers – Us

# JESUS CHRIST'S SUFFERING

- In Isa 53, God was to send His Servant, who would be “a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering” (v. 3). Although he was innocent, it was God’s will “to crush Him and cause Him to suffer” (v. 10).
- The sins for which Jesus was punished were not His own. In the immediate context of history, it was the sins of us, my sins and yours, that led Him to Calvary.
- The suffering of Jesus is purposeful, bringing us back to God. To accomplish this, Jesus’ suffering and death were a sacrifice of atonement (Heb 13:12; 1Pet 2:21)
- God has purified and in fact used His Son’s suffering to accomplish history’s greatest mission, the salvation of the human race.

# JESUS' GLORY

- Philip 2:9-11 “Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in haven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, so the glory of God the Father”
- Revelation 5:13 “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

# JOB'S SUFFERING

- Why the good suffer? Job was a person whom God himself called blameless and upright (Job 1:8). His long prosperity was suddenly transformed into tragedy. Wealth, family, the respect of his peers, and even physical health were torn away in a single day.
- Job's friends argued that some secret sin must have been the cause of Job's suffering. Job was thrown into deepest anguish. He felt stripped of hope, alone in a universe he suddenly could not understand.
- In suffering of the good, God may have a purpose that is separate from punishment.
- God is at work when suffering comes. His hand is there, in our days of darkness as well as in the sunshine. We many not understand His reasons for the suffering that grips us. But we need not doubt His presence and love.

# JOB'S GLORY

- Job 42:10, 12-13 “The Lord had accepted Job, restored Job’s captivity when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before... Now the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters.”



# BELIEVER'S SUFFERING

- The believers, redeemed by Jesus, has been delivered, but not from earthly suffering. Rightly approached, “suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope” (Rom 5:3-4)
- Believer’s suffering produces greatest benefits, suffering is not to be a consequence of our own sinful choices (1 Pet 2:19; 4:15).
- Our suffering is for the sake of Jesus, His kingdom, and His righteousness (2Th 1:5; 1 Pet 2:19; 3:14; 4:14, 16, 19)

# BELIEVER'S GLORY

- "After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you." (1 Pet 5:10)
- The apostle Paul said, "For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him; if we endure, we shall also reign with Him" (2 Timothy 2:11-12).

# UNBELIEVER'S SUFFERING

- **Justice.** Non-Christians suffer because God is justly dealing with sin. Suffering entered the world when humans chose to sin. Because of our rebellion, God subjected humanity and the world to pain, suffering and death.
- **Injustice.** Non-Christians also suffer because of injustice. Injustice occurs when someone suffers unfairly. Injustice often happens not because of one's own sin but because of another's
- **Without God.** Non-Christians live "having no hope and without God" (Eph 2:12). In a world of suffering they are like blind children, stumbling in fear towards a cliff edge.
- **Satan.** Non-Christians cannot see that their own actions have led to this disastrous world because Satan blinds them



THERE IS NO GLORY FOR  
UNBELIEVERS

# WHEN WE SUFFER

- Am I being punished for sin? → Confess known sin (1 John 1:9)
- Are Satan and demonic forces attacking me as a Christian? → Resist (James 4:7) and stand against (Eph 6:10-18) them in the name of Jesus Christ
- Am I being prepared for a special service? → Destroy self-pity
- Am I specifically selected for testing? → Trust God to work for His purpose through you and accept helps from the body of believers
- Is my suffering a result of natural consequences for which I am not directly responsible? → Hold-on the promise from God that our suffering will one day come to an end
- Is my suffering due to some unknown reason? → Proclaim your faith in God, know that God cares and wait patiently for His aid