

# Biblical view of Suffering

1 Peter 4:12-19

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# Introduction

- Someone has said “ Christians are like tea; their real strength is not drawn until they get into the hot water.”
- Jesus warned His disciples “ In this world you have trouble, but take heart I have overcome the world.” John 16:33
- This morning we will look in the Word of God, the reasons, response and the result of suffering.



# Reasons of Suffering.

- Suffering is allowed to bring Glory to God. John 9:1-3 and Gen 50:20
- Suffering is allowed to punish sin and discipline God's children. Prov 3:11; Deut 30:19; Jer 8:18-21 and Heb 12: 5-11
- Suffering is allowed to give evidence of our faith in God. Job



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- Habakkuk; James 1:2-4 and 1 Peter 1:6-9.
- Suffering is allowed to show us love and compassion of God. Hosea and Isaiah 63:9
- Suffering is allowed to affirm character and produce growth. Roman 5:1-5 and James 5:13



# Reasons of Suffering.

- Suffering is allowed to produce ministry with in the body. 2 Cor 1:3-7 and James 5:13
- Suffering is allowed to help us know Christ better and realize our dependence on him. Phil. 3:10 and 2 Cor 12:1-10



# Response to sufferings.

- We must expect suffering. 1Pe 4:12 and John 16:33
- We must examine our selves. Vs 13-16 and Joshua 7
- We must endure suffering. Vs 16 and 2 Tim 3:12
- We should praise God. Vs 16



# Response to sufferings.

- We should continue to commit our selves to God.  
Vs 19
- We should continue to do good. Vs 19
- We should pray for deliverance and endurance.
- We should witness through our suffering.



# Result to sufferings.

- Suffering build Christian character. Roman 5:3-5 and Psalm 66
- Suffering helps you to minister to others in the body of Christ. 2Cor 1:3-7
- It brings honor to God and to you. Jesus and Joseph



# CONCLUSION

- God allows suffering in our life to bring glory to his name, punish sin, show evidence of faith in him, show us his love and compassion, produce Christian character in us, promote ministry within the body of Christ and to help us to know him better.



# CONCLUSION

- We should respond to suffering by accepting them as God's will, examine our selves, pray for endurance and deliverance, keep on trusting and committing to God, be a good witness and continue to do good for the glory of God.