

A Right Perspective on Present Suffering & An Eager Expectation of Future Glory (Romans 8:18-25)

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A. A RIGHT PERSPECTIVE on PRESENT SUFFERING. (8:18)

1. God wants you to have a _____ regarding your present suffering.

* What is assumed regarding suffering?

* Why do believers suffer?

2. God wants you to repeatedly realize that your present sufferings are _____ with your future glory.

* What can you know about this “glory”?

* How does this apply to you?

B. An EAGER ANTICIPATION of FUTURE GLORY. (8:19-25)

1. The natural creation has _____ and _____ for the manifestation of the sons of God in glory.

* What does “earnest expectation” mean and involve?

2. The reason creation is waiting in anticipation is that it was made subject to _____ by God due to _____.

* Along with the curse, what has God given due to His promises?

3. God's future promise regarding the natural creation is that it _____ from the _____ into the _____ of the children of God.

* When will this occur?

4. While creation is eagerly waiting for its freedom from the effects of sin, we know that it is presently _____ and _____ in pain.

* How do you know this?

5. Like creation, we as believers experience _____ while waiting for the future redemption of our _____.

* What guarantee has God given to believers that their bodies will be glorified?

* Is there physical healing in the atonement?

* What will our future bodies be like?

6. The reason believers eagerly and patiently wait for future glorification is that we _____ in this _____.

* But what elements characterize hope?

* What does all of this mean to you?