

THE SUFFERINGS BIBLE STUDY

1. There are different reasons why people suffer. Some suffering is for a good purpose while other suffering is not. There are four categories of suffering that are described in the Bible, they are: **1. Suffering as a consequence of our own actions. 2. Suffering because we live in a fallen and sinful world. 3. Suffering to test and strengthen our faith. 4. Suffering because we believe in Jesus and want to follow his ways.** Look up the following verses and determine which type of suffering each one of these verses are describing:
 - a. Philippians 1:29 _____.
 - b. Philippians 3:10 _____.
 - c. Hebrews 10:29 _____.
 - d. Hebrews 12:11 _____.
 - e. Ezekiel 23:49 _____.
 - f. 2 Peter 2:7-8 _____.
 - g. 1 Peter 2:20 _____.
 - h. 1 Peter 1:7 _____.
 - i. 1 Peter 2:19 _____.
 - j. 1 Peter 3:14 _____.
 - k. 1 Peter 4:15 _____.
 - l. Proverbs 22:3 _____.
 - m. Proverbs 9:12 _____.
 - n. James 1:2-4 _____.
 - o. 2 Timothy 1:8-12 _____.
 - p. John 16:33 _____.
 - q. Jude 1:7 _____.
 - r. Acts 9:15-16 _____.
2. According to Philippians 1:29 how does God consider suffering for the sake of faith in Jesus? _____.
3. According to Acts 5:41 what was the response of the apostles after they were beaten by the religious leaders for faith in Jesus? _____.

Why did the apostles have this response after suffering for the name of Jesus? _____
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4. According to 1 Peter 5:8-9 what should we do when we suffer from the attacks of the devil? _____.
What comfort is offered to us in our suffering at the hands of the devil? _____
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5. According to James 1:13-15 if we are suffering from being tempted or committing sin, what is the cause of that temptation? _____

Is God ever behind the temptation? _____
So if we are suffering because we have fallen into temptation and sinned is it ever right to blame God? _____
Why or why not? _____
6. According to Romans 5:3-5 what does suffering because of our faith in Jesus produce in us? _____
Is the suffering worth what is being produced? _____ Why? _____

7. According to Psalm 119:67 what happens to us after we have suffered (been afflicted)? _____
What do people do before they suffer? _____
8. According to Hebrews 5:8 what is learned from suffering? _____
Can you think of any example of this being true in your own life? _____

9. According to 1 Peter 4:1-2 what is the result of the those who suffer in the body? _____

10. According to Revelation 20:10 what suffering is taking place? _____

How long does this suffering last? _____
According to Revelation 20:15 who will experience this worst kind of suffering in the lake of fire? _____
11. According to 1 Thessalonians 5:9 what is the solution for people so that they do not have to suffer the eternal wrath of God in the lake of fire? _____

12. What is being compared in 2 Corinthians 4:16-17? _____

According to 2 Corinthians 4:18 what should we be focusing on (the troubles or the glory)? _____
13. According to Romans 8:18 how should we think of our present sufferings compared to the glory of being with Jesus? _____

14. How has this Bible study changed your attitude about suffering? _____

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