

Romans Chapter Eight - Session 6

Romans 8:18-27 “From Groaning to Glory”

Big Question: How do believers think about SUFFERING?

1) Suffering doesn't compare to the coming GLORY (8:18-19)

Logizomai – a numerical CALCULATION

Present SUFFERING VS Future GLORY

“God uses a spade of sorrow to dig a well of joy.”
– E.K. Bailey

2) CREATION Groans: because suffering is pervasive (8:20-22)

Creation is referring to the IRRATIONAL creation.

GROAN = Stenazo = intense yet INAUDIBLE sigh.

3) WE Groan: because we suffer while we wait in hope (8:23-25)

We have the DOWNPAYMENT of the Holy Spirit.

While wait suffering PURIFIES our desires (1 John 2:15-17).

***"You will never know the fullness of Christ
until you know the emptiness of everything else."
— Charles H. Spurgeon***

Modern “hope” is WISHFUL thinking.

VS

Biblical hope is a future CERTAINTY.

4) The SPIRIT Groans: because He intercedes for us (8:26-27)

The groaning of the Holy Spirit is...

- INAUDIBLE just like the groaning of creation and believers
- Without SOUND or WORDS
- In alignment with the WILL of God

*"I have learned to kiss the waves
that throw me against the Rock of Ages."
— Charles H. Spurgeon*