

THE GIFT OF SUFFERING
Job 1:20-22; 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever considered that suffering is a gift from God?

In order to understand today's scripture lesson, we need to ask and answer three questions.

- I. WHY DO WE SUFFER?**
 - A. WE SUFFER BECAUSE OF MAN'S WRONG CHOICE
 - B. WE SUFFER BECAUSE OF GOD'S RIGHT CHOICE

- II. HOW SHOULD WE SUFFER? (2 Corinthians 4:7-18)**
 - A. WE SHOULD CLAIM THE PROMISE OF CHRIST
 - B. WE MUST COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION AS PAUL
 - C. WE MUST HELP OTHERS CARRY THE LOAD

- III. WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF SUFFERING?**
 - A. TO BRING GLORY TO GOD
 - B. TO GIVE US A HUNGER FOR HEAVEN

CONCLUSION

As you leave today ask yourself...

- Do I know for sure that God has forgiven me of my sins?
- Do I know for sure that I will go to Heaven when I die?
- How am I going to receive God's comfort in my suffering and then use that comfort I have received to help someone else who is suffering this week?