

The Suffering of the Saints

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Introduction

1. 1 Peter 1:6-9
2. Suffering is a common theme in the New Testament Matthew, Romans, 2 Timothy, James
3. This letter is to God's people, they had obeyed the Gospel 1:22-23
4. They did have an inheritance 1:5
5. They were to rejoice in this salvation 1:6
6. They would suffer as Christ did 2:21, but why?

II Discussion

1. The fact of Christians suffering
 - a. All that live godly will suffer 2 Timothy 3:12
 - i. Jesus suffered 2:21-24
 - ii. One who suffers as a Christians should not be ashamed 4:12-16
 - b. But why do the save suffer
 - i. Physically because of disease, death, and accidents
 - ii. Spiritually, some do not like what the save represent 4:1-5
 - iii. Satan causes suffering Job
 - iv. Some homes have suffering because of those who try to obey Matthew 10:32-39
2. The Nature of the Trials
 - a. Manifold trial 1:6
 - i. This is different kinds of troubles
 - ii. The Greek means variegated and has to do with a picture
 - iii. Persecutions, depravation, hardships and difficulties James 1:2
 - b. They are fiery trails 1:7
 - i. Some trials are more fierce than others Luke 12:50; Matthew 26:39
 - ii. Every chapter deals with what they would go through 1:7, 2:19-20; 3 13-17; 4:12-19; 5:9-10
 - iii. Nero was cure to the Christians when this book was written
 - c. Temporary trials 1:6
 - i. Paul says they are but for a moment 2 Corinthians 4:17
 - ii. Peter says it is but for a little while 1 Peter 5:10 while means a little while ASV
3. The value of Suffering
 - a. It reveals the true nature of our faith Genesis 22:1, 2, 12
 - b. The impurities removed from gold Isaiah 1:25; 48:10; Jeremiah 6:29-30; Ezekiel 22:18
 - c. The trial of our faith works patience James 1:2, 3; Romans 5:3-5
 - d. Trials we go through so we can help others 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

III Conclusion

1. Our faith is not static, it must grow

2. We must maintain this faith even when suffering
3. There is a reward for enduring during temptation Matthew 5:11
4. The reward is only for those who are in Christ 1:22-23
5. Are you in Christ, you can be
6. You were in Christ but lost your way come back

Source: God's definition of a Christians sermon outline from 1 Peter by Tom Holland; Truth for Today commentary on 1 Peter Logos