

# Biblical Answers Week 12

## The Answer to Suffering, Part 2

### Victory Over Suffering

2 Cor 12:7 To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

1 Peter 1:6 [You should] be exceedingly glad on this account, though now for a little while you may be distressed by trials and suffer temptations, 7 So that [the genuineness] of your faith may be tested, [your faith] which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is tested and purified by fire. [This proving of your faith is intended] to redound to [your] praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. AMP

- Sometimes suffering comes as a result of correction, sometimes for \_\_\_\_\_, and sometimes for testimony.
- Suffering will reveal areas of need or areas of \_\_\_\_\_ or wrong \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Suffering

1. Suffering is \_\_\_\_\_

2. Suffering is \_\_\_\_\_

3. Suffering is somewhat \_\_\_\_\_

4. Suffering is \_\_\_\_\_

It produces \_\_\_\_\_

It builds \_\_\_\_\_

It builds \_\_\_\_\_

5. Suffering \_\_\_\_\_ us

Trials: "that which examines or tests or proves the character and \_\_\_\_\_ of something"

Integrity: "a state of being complete \_\_\_\_\_; see honesty"

Our \_\_\_\_\_ is what pleases God--especially when we act right in the trials.

Testing in the life of a believer is to remove all the cheap \_\_\_\_\_  
in our hearts and minds.

6. Suffering is a \_\_\_\_\_  
The results: What God seeks to accomplish with the trials of life will  
require \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Suffering is a \_\_\_\_\_
8. Suffering provides \_\_\_\_\_
9. Suffering requires our \_\_\_\_\_  
We want the \_\_\_\_\_ of Godly character, but want to skip the  
\_\_\_\_\_.
10. Suffering, at times, is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

1 Peter 4:19 So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. NIV

**Manley Beasley used to say: "If you don't have a faith that can be tested then you don't have much faith."**

Purpose of God-Ordained Suffering:

- That our faith might be found \_\_\_\_\_
- That our life can be \_\_\_\_\_ by the tests of life
- That our testing and faith may result in \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and God receives the glory
- That Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_  
Gold=refined by fire so the reflection of the Lord can be seen in us

11. Suffering is \_\_\_\_\_
12. Suffering is a \_\_\_\_\_

So what do we do?

- Determine the \_\_\_\_\_ of your tests
- Determine God's \_\_\_\_\_
- Determine the solution

Suffering and trials are for my \_\_\_\_\_

- To show me the wickedness of my own heart
- To bring me to a place of \_\_\_\_\_ so God can be strong
- To strengthen my faith when I am \_\_\_\_\_ in
- To teach me to \_\_\_\_\_

