

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddie Dickinson

Opening Prayer: David Key

On the Table: Head - Josh Berryhill  
Servers - Billy Box  
Charles Berryhill  
Greg Lowery

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Shelia Box

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Elders: Leonard Key / David Key  
Billy Box / Eddie Dickinson

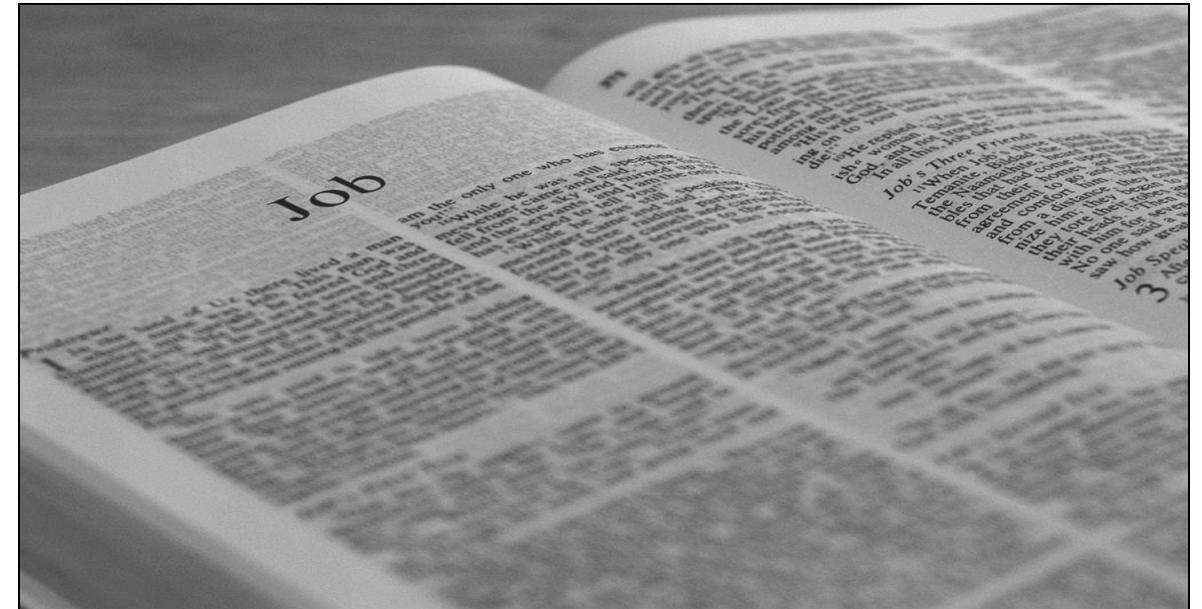
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# The Patience of Job



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**Jesus: A Man Of Sorrows And Acquainted With Grief**

By Perry N. Hall

In dealing with the Problems of Human Suffering, it is deeply comforting to know that we have the help of One Who suffered as no other, and that if we suffer with Him, we will also be glorified together (Rom. 8:17).

In the Old Testament book of Isaiah, Jesus Christ is prophetically portrayed as the Suffering servant of God (Isa. 49, 53). In Isaiah 53:3, it is said of Him that He is “a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief...” Twelve times within the space of nine verses of this chapter, the prophet reiterates emphatically that all the servant’s sufferings were vicarious, borne for man, to save him from the consequences of his sins, to enable him to escape punishment. It was our transgression and iniquity that caused the chastisement of our peace to be upon Him, filling Him with sorrow and grief.

He is uniquely qualified as the “Man of Sorrows.” When we look at this expression, we know there is but One of our race to Whom this title properly belongs. By partaking of our humanity as He did, and being made sin for us, Jesus came into the closest possible contact with the sins, pains, privations, deformities, diseases, and sorrows of mankind. He suffered with those whom He saw suffering. He knew the sorrow of rejection by those whom He came to save. He knew sorrow as the sinless One on Whom were laid the iniquities of the world. He came to know the painful and shameful sorrow of the long-lasting, and excruciating agony upon the cross, when it seemed as if even His Father had forsaken Him. In His earthly sojourn He wept, groaned, and more than once, was troubled. He grew weary and exhausted.

Being touched with the feelings of our infirmities, tempted in all points as we, yet without sin, His divine sympathy enables us to come boldly to the throne of grace for help and mercy in our time of need (Heb. 4:15-16). It was His love for man and prospect of “bringing many sons unto glory” that brought, in the final analysis, joy to the heart of the man of sorrows (Heb. 2:10; 12:2).

When it comes to the problem of human suffering, Jesus has left us a perfect example, that we should follow his steps (1 Pet. 2:19-25).

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**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Sister} is in the nursing home in Guin, pray for her she has some ongoing health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

April Tidwell Dawson: she has recently been diagnosed with stomach cancer; please be praying that this cancer will be defeated with successful treatments

Angie Ganey Gardner: fighting against breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Ruth Addison: ongoing health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Don Lawrence: is recovering from a recent stroke, please be praying that there will be no long term complications or any further problems

Eddie Dickinson: recovering from recent colon surgery, let’s be praying that he makes a full recovery with no complications

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Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy); planning on gene replacement treatment; please pray that these treatments will be successful.

Pam Braden: she is dealing with some ongoing health problems, please pray that those working with her can help her

Myra Miles: recent tests showed no cancer, still has some ongoing health problems, please continue to keep her in your prayers

Guy Weeks: is undergoing cancer treatments, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Farrah Garrison: is recovering from recent surgery, please pray that there will be no complications

Sandy Markham: is recovering from knee surgery, please pray that she makes a complete recovery

Maddie Bishop (young girl South Haleyville) diagnosed with stage 4 Ewing sarcoma, please pray for her and her family and that treatments can defeat this caner

Billy Lee Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother} he is in renal failure, is back at the nursing home in Guin, please be praying for him and the staff caring for him

Timmy Weeks: he is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that he will receive treatments that can restore his health

Kristen Eddy: she is recovering from knee surgery, please pray that she will have a successful recovery

Hagen Dickinson: he is recovering from jaw surgery, please pray that it heals properly and that he has no complications

**Jesus Is Touched With The Feelings Of Our Infirmities**

By Billy R. Smith

One of the recurring themes from the life of Jesus is, “When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them” (Matt. 9:36). He saw the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual destitution of mankind and came to save the world from itself.

In becoming flesh (John 1:14), Jesus is able to identify with all the human experiences life brings. He knows what it is like to be hungry, thirsty, tired, lonely, angry, ill, hurt, betrayed, accused, berated, misunderstood, denied and deserted. He knows the heart-break that comes with separation from those you love and especially the pain that accompanies the loss of a loved one.

And, in going to the cross, Jesus is able to identify with the reality of death and dying, of relating to both its fears and demonstration of faith. The cross, therefore, accomplished more than our salvation from sin; it also provides proof that we possess a Savior who can identify with our every problem, pain and possibility. He has been there.

When you wonder if God cares that you suffer, remember Jesus on the cross; when you suffer the loss of a parent, a mate, or a child, remember then that Jesus knows. When life presents you with an unexpected turn, remember then that Jesus has experienced each of life’s emotions and activities. Not only is He able to identify with our infirmities, He is also able to strengthen us to endure them. Well did the Hebrews writer say: “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin” (Heb. 4:15).

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### **Devastation And Pain Caused By Sin Both In Time And Eternity**

By Roger Jackson

God does not punish men directly and personally for every sin they commit or for an accumulation of them. Evidently some of the teachers of Jesus' day supposed that He did because the Lord said this regarding the catastrophe involving Pilate's murder of a group of Galileans: "Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:2-3). It is not true that some men are so wicked that God causes them physical harm, and the sins of others so minute in comparison that such sins will receive no punishment. All sins must be confessed and repented of or the same punishment awaits every sinner (James 5:16, 19-20).

One of the outstanding reasons God has a law against all forms of sin is that He knows that most sins are accompanied by physical harm in the natural course of their consequences. God does not make laws as an end within themselves. Following His laws often leads us to avoid a lot of mental emotional and physical pain. Those who do not lust do not commit adultery, and those who do not commit adultery do not suffer from venereal disease (Matt. 5:28). Those who control their temper do not get into fights and lose teeth, break arms or get shot (Matt. 5:22). Those who practice "The Golden Rule" (Matt. 7:12) do not start wars or invade their neighbors and oppress them. The evils of war have accounted for more devastation, pain and suffering than any sin known to mankind unless the imbibing of alcoholic beverages outranks it.

The suffering that sin causes may leave its scars on the innocent. We charge God foolishly if we accuse Him as Job did of being responsible (Job 13:15). When misfortune strikes, men are quick to blame God and ask why He caused it or let it happen. Give the devil his due; he is to blame. When we suffer, we learn that this old world is not a fit place to live in eternity and we turn to God for a new place where such pain does not exist (Rev. 21:4-5). When suffering in the here and now leads us to seek the there and then, we understand why God has made it so.

On the other hand, there are people who do not grow into such maturity and let life get them down. In desperation they seek comfort from the wrong sources and often sink to the depths of despair and take their own lives. They want to end all of the pain and suffering. They do not realize that an eternity awaits them where their suffering has only begun (Luke 16:22-23).

No matter what kind of life we live here, we will suffer, for this is the common lot of mankind. However, if we live the Christian life, much of life's suffering will naturally be avoided. Not all of it will be avoided; for if God had eliminated physical suffering for Christians, all men would want to be Christians, not because they love the Lord and want to live right, but because of the relief from pain.

There is one passage, more than any other, that says it best. Every Christian who gives up the world for Christ shall, "...receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life" (Mark 10:30). The Christian life is the best life you can live for your own good here on earth. Then you go to heaven to spend eternity with God and Christ and the redeemed of all the ages.

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*Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.*

*(James 5:11)*