

# 1 Thessalonians Series

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**Trusting God:  
Doctrine of Suffering – Part 2  
1 Thessalonians 1:8**



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THESSALONIANS**

**THEREFORE, COMFORT ONE  
ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS**

**1 Thess. 1:8, “For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.”**

**πίστις *pistis*  
nom fem sing faith,  
belief, trust; value;  
proof**

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**קוה-1 *qwh-1***

**piel wawConsec 1 com sing**

**“to wait for, hope”**

## **Ten Reasons We Suffer**

**1. Adamic responsibility; The result of the fall of sin. We are all guilty of Adam's sin.**

**All human suffering is the result of living in a corrupt universe.**

# **Ten Reasons We Suffer**

## **2. Individual volitional responsibility.**

**Gal. 6:7b, “Whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap.”**

## **Ten Reasons We Suffer**

### **3. Divine discipline.**

**Heb. 12:6, “For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.**

**Heb. 12:7, “It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?”**

**Heb. 12:8, “But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.”**

# Ten Reasons We Suffer

## 3. Divine discipline

David's fourfold restitution:

1. The baby died, 2 Sam. 12:14
2. David's son Amnon raped his sister Tamar, 2 Sam. 13:14
3. Absalom killed Amnon, 2 Sam. 13:28–29
4. Absalom revolt's against David, 2 Sam. 15:7–12 and Absalom's death, 2 Sam. 18:9



## **Ten Reasons We Suffer**

- 4. We are connected to someone involved in 2 or 3: a spouse, parent, family member, business, or nation.**

# **Ten Reasons We Suffer**

**5. Living in the kosmic system.**

## **Ten Reasons We Suffer**

**6. A wake up call evangelistically. God gets our attention to prepare us for hearing the gospel.**

**Acts 16:27–31**

## **Ten Reasons We Suffer**

**7. Suffering motivates us to learn doctrine.**

**Psa. 119:71, “It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Thy statutes.”**

## **Ten Reasons We Suffer**

**8. To be a witness to neighbors, friends, and those who are around us.**

**1 Tim. 1:16, “And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.”**

## **Ten Reasons We Suffer**

### **9. To be a witness in the angelic conflict.**

**Eph. 3:10, “in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.”**

## **Ten Reasons We Suffer**

**10. We suffer to learn God's faithfulness and comfort so we can, in turn, comfort others.**

**2 Cor. 1:4, "who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."**

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**Isa. 40:28,**

**“Have you not known?**

**Have you not heard?**

**The everlasting God, the LORD,**

**The Creator of the ends of the earth,**

**Neither faints nor is weary.**

**His understanding is unsearchable.”**

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**Chapter 40 focuses  
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**Isa. 40:12,**

**“Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand?**

**Measured heaven with a span?**

**And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure?**

**Weighed the mountains in scales?**

**And the hills in a balance?”**

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**Isa. 40:13,**

**“Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD,  
or as His counselor has taught Him?”**

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**Isa. 40:14,**

**“With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him,**

**And taught Him in the path of justice?**

**Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?”**

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***Anthropomorphism* is a figure of speech that attributes to God physical characteristics of a human body which He does not actually possess in order to communicate to man God's plans and purposes.**

**Isa. 40:15, “Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing.**

**Isa. 40:16, “And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering.**

**Isa. 40:17, “All nations before Him are as nothing, and they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless.”**

**Isa. 40:18, “To whom then will you liken God?  
Or what likeness will you compare to Him?”**

**Isa. 40:19, “The workman molds an image,  
the goldsmith overspreads it with gold, and  
the silversmith casts silver chains.**

**Isa. 40:20, “Whoever is too impoverished for  
such a contribution chooses a tree that will  
not rot; He seeks for himself a skillful  
workman to prepare a carved image that will  
not totter.”**

**Isa. 40:21, “Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?”**

**Isa. 40:22, “It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.”**