**SERMON Hope in the Midst of Suffering 1 Pet 4:12-19**

**1. Suffering as Saints.**

EXPECT IT

John 15:18 , 2 Tim 3:12, 1 John 3:13, 2 Cor 2: 15-16

As we **live out** the **gospel**, & **share** the **gospel**, we can expect **hostility** / **animosity** from unbelievers.

NOT SOMETHING STRANGE

We shouldn’t see **hostility**, **slandering** & **insults** as **something strange happening to us**.

HAS A PURPOSE (3rd)

Job 23:10, Rom. 5:3, James 1:3, **Matt 13:5-6**

Suffering as a Christian **refines** and **reveals true faith**.

SHARE IN JESUS’s SUFFERING

John 15:20

Believers will experiencing the **same kind of sufferings** Christ endured- **suffering for what is right.**

BLESSED (5th)

Matt 5:10-12 Blessed are those….

1 Cor 12:9-10 – grace always will exceed circumstances.

The Spirit mediates the **presence** of God and gives us a special grace by imparting endurance and understanding.

**2. Suffering as Sinners.**

Gal. 6:7-8

Proverbs 6:32-35

HEB 12:6-11

There are **consequences** to our **sinful choices**.

CLOSE

**ENTRUST** your soul to a **faithful** **creator**:

Entrust yourself to WHO HE is ( see back(

He created you.

He knows you and

He knows exactly **what suffering** is going to **prove**, **refine** and **establish** you.

“He created your soul.

He created your soul for His glory.

He faithful to that glory and to all who love it and live in it. “ Piper

1. **ALL SOVEREIGN**
   1. Ps 103:19
   2. Heb 2:8-9
   3. Ps 115:3
   4. Eph 1:11,22
2. **ALL KNOWING**
   1. John 21:17
   2. 1 John 3:20
   3. Ps 139:1-16
3. **ALL POWERFUL**
   1. Jer 32:17
   2. Is 40:26
   3. Luke 1:37
   4. Luke 18:27
   5. Mt 19:25-26
   6. Mark 10:27
   7. Ps 147:5
4. **ALL GOOD**
   1. Ps 118:29
   2. Titus 3:4
   3. Rom 8:26-28
   4. Ps 119:68
5. **ALL LOVING**
   1. 1 Jn 4:8, 9-10, 16
   2. Rom 5:8
   3. Gal 2:20
   4. 1 Jn 3:16
   5. Mt 20:25-28
   6. 2 Cor 5:14-15
   7. Phil 2:1-11
   8. 1Pet 2:21-25
6. **ALL WISE**
   1. Rom 11:33
   2. Rom 16:27
   3. James 3:17
   4. Job 9:4
   5. Job 12:13
   6. Ps 147:5-6
   7. Dan 1:17
7. **ALL REDEMPTIVE**
   1. Is 1:18
   2. Is 43:25
   3. Ps 103:10-12
   4. Ps 32:1-2
   5. Micah 7:19
   6. Jer 31:-31-34
   7. Ezek 36:25-29
8. **All PRESENT**
   1. Heb 13:5
   2. Matt 28:20
   3. Ps 73:23
   4. Ps 46:1
   5. Ps 34:18
   6. Ps 23:4
   7. 1 Pet 5:7
   8. Matt 11:28-29
9. **All GLORIOUS**
   1. Is 6:3
   2. Rev 4:8
   3. Rev 4:11
   4. Rev 5:11-14
   5. Rev 7:11-12
10. **GOD’S PERFECT WILL**
    1. Hidden
       1. Eph 1:11
       2. Job 23:10
       3. Rom 8:28
       4. Deut 29:29
       5. Ps 103:19
       6. Ps 115:3
       7. Heb 2:9
    2. Revealed
       1. Rom 12:2
       2. Job 12 :7-12
       3. 1 Jn 2:17