

# Suffering Common to Man in a Fallen World

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## INTRODUCTION

Deuteronomy 29:29

1 Corinthians 13:12

### Two Qualifications

- (1) There is one E\_\_\_\_\_ and that is M\_\_\_\_\_. But this is N\_\_\_\_\_ for all believers.
- (2) We may never know fully what happened to O\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_.

### I. "The Sovereignty of God".

A. It is His: \_\_\_\_\_

B. The language of the OT attributes everything under the final, absolute authority and command of G\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 4:13

Exodus 4:10-12    Exodus 10:27    1 Samuel 18:8-12    Isaiah 45:6-7

C. He has set laws and principles of L\_\_\_\_\_ on this earth.

1. God's Word is L\_\_\_\_\_ and He Himself will abide by it.

2. These laws and principles of life apply to A\_\_\_\_\_ men.

3. These laws are perfect and C\_\_\_\_\_ in and of themselves.

D. God does N\_\_\_\_\_ unilaterally, randomly and haphazardly intervene.

E. God intervenes based on His Word and when His people P\_\_\_\_\_ accordingly.

### II. In God's S\_\_\_\_\_, He gave man a F\_\_\_\_ will and complete O\_\_\_\_\_ of the E\_\_\_\_\_ realm.

A. It is within God's Sovereignty to give man a free W\_\_\_\_. Genesis 1:26

B. It is within God's Sovereignty to give man complete O\_\_\_\_\_ and R\_\_\_\_\_ over the earth realm. Genesis 1:28 Psalm 115:16; 8:6

- C. It is within God's Sovereignty to place laws and principles of L\_\_\_\_\_ that will affect man and the earth accordingly.                      Genesis 8:22                      Galatians 6:7
- D. God's Sovereignty does N\_\_\_\_ violate our free will.                      Deuteronomy 30:19
- E. His foreknowledge does N\_\_\_\_\_ nullify the exercising of our will nor negate our choices.                      Psalm 139                      Ephesians 1:4-5; 13

**III. Two S\_\_\_\_\_ of suffering in this world affecting A\_\_\_\_\_ mankind.**

- A. F\_\_\_\_\_ of Man – Man rebelled against God and F\_\_\_\_\_.  
Romans 3:23                      Romans 6:23
- B. Man's Fallenness caused him to lose his ruler-ship over this earth to the E\_\_\_\_ O\_\_\_\_.  
1 John 5:19b                      John 10:10a
1. All kinds of C\_\_\_\_\_ between man.
  2. Physical D\_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Fracture of the physical E\_\_\_\_\_ and corruption of the E\_\_\_\_\_.  
Romans 8:22
  4. The curse of T\_\_\_\_\_ in man's labor.                      Genesis 3:17-19
  5. A\_\_\_\_\_ due to man's carelessness, blind spots, malfunction of machines, etc.
  6. S\_\_\_\_\_ Death of Man.                      Romans 6:23a                      Romans 5:12

**IV. Suffering in this fallen world.**

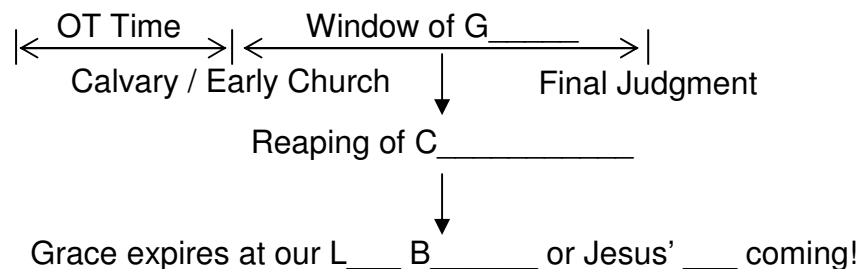
- A. This suffering affects B\_\_\_\_\_ the believer and the pre-believer in this fallen world.  
John 16:33                      Ecclesiastes 8:14
- B. Therefore when someone dies from a S\_\_\_\_\_ or an E\_\_\_\_\_, it is due to the fallenness of man in a fallen world.

God is N\_\_\_\_\_ the direct source of sickness or all the evil, accidents, wickedness and calamities on the earth.

C. A\_\_\_\_\_ saying: “**God allows**”.

D. Rather say “God is S\_\_\_\_\_”.

E. Understand clearly the difference between the D\_\_\_\_\_ J\_\_\_\_\_ of God and the R\_\_\_\_\_ and C\_\_\_\_\_ of man’s actions.



V. **The spiritual world cannot intervene in the natural world unless there is a C\_\_\_\_\_.**

A. This applies B\_\_\_\_\_ ways for the believer and the non-believer.

B. The demonic world can influence and control to the extent of the G\_\_\_\_\_ given [doorway, foothold].  
Ephesians 4:27; 2:2

C. In the case of the B\_\_\_\_\_, the Grace of God comes to Him as he P\_\_\_\_\_.  
God does N\_\_\_ unilaterally, randomly, or haphazardly intervene in the affairs on the earth unless His people P\_\_\_\_\_.  
Matthew 6:10; 16:19; 18:18-19

1. Our P\_\_\_\_\_ lay the tracks on which the train of God’s Grace runs.

2. Our prayers are earthly license for H\_\_\_\_\_ intervention.

3. Our prayer is the altar we build to C\_\_\_\_\_ earth to heaven.
4. Our prayers “**create**” the L\_\_\_\_\_ on which God commands the angels to descend and ascend to minister to us.
5. If we don’t pray, the spiritual world cannot C\_\_\_\_\_ with the natural world.
6. If we don’t pray, then everything reverts to the N\_\_\_\_\_ laws of life.

D. For the believer who perseveres to trust in God, the outcome can be P\_\_\_\_\_ while he is O\_\_ this earth which is          Romans 8:28          Genesis 50:20a

E. The exception is P\_\_\_\_\_ and M\_\_\_\_\_.          Hebrews 11:35b-40

**VI. God is good and is C\_\_\_\_\_ good all the time.**

Psalm 34:8          Exodus 33:18-19a          Exodus 34:6-7a          Jeremiah 32:38-41

God is good and is always good all the time.

The Goodness of God R\_\_\_\_\_ out to man in his fallen state.          **How?**

A. He sent J\_\_\_\_\_ to die to pay the penalty for our sins so that we can be reconciled with Him and be S\_\_\_\_\_ from spiritual death.  
John 3:16          Romans 6:23

B. When Jesus was crucified and died, He made provision for our H\_\_\_\_\_ by taking upon Himself all our sicknesses and diseases.  
Acts 10:38          Matthew 8:16-17

C. He made available His abundant P\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_ to us who believe.  
Romans 5:2          2 Corinthians 5:21          Romans 8:1-2

**CONCLUSION**

Luke 11:13

Romans 8:32