

WHY PEOPLE SUFFER (16 REASONS)

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Category	Delineation (<i>16 Reasons</i>)	Scripture	Description
A. People Suffer Because of Evil	1. A sin-cursed world 2. Personal sin 3. To be kept from sin 4. Someone else's sin 5. Disasters	Gen. 3:17-19; Rom. 8:18-23 Heb. 12:5-11; 1 Cor. 11:30 2 Cor. 12:1-10 Josh. 7:1-5; Jonah 1:5; Jas. 5:1-6 Lk. 13:1-5	-The Fall results in world curse -Sin brings Father's chastening -"Thorn" prevents sin -Disobedience to God affects lives of others -Incidents & accidents
B. People Suffer Because of God's Plan	6. To be a testimony 7. To glorify God 8. To be purified 9. To be identified with Christ 10. To be a comforter	John 9 Jn. 11:4, 42-45 Jas. 1:2-3; 1 Pet. 1:6-7; 4:1-2 Jn. 16:32-33; Acts 5:41; Phil. 1:29; 3:10; Col. 1:24; 2 Tim. 1:8; 2 Thess. 1:4-10; 1 Pet. 3:14-17; 4:12-19; Rev. 2:8-11 2 Cor. 1:3-7; 1 Cor. 12:25-26	-Born blind--witness to Christ -Illness & death glorify God -Faith made pure like gold -As Christ suffered, so those who belong to Him will suffer -Pain makes us sensitive to others
C. People Suffer To Learn God's Character	11. To learn God's character in humility 12. To learn the character of God's Word 13. To learn the character of God's sovereignty	Job 1:21-22; 2:10; 6:8-10; 9:3, 14; 14:14; 16:20; 19:6-22; 31:1-23; 38-41; 42:6 Ps. 119:67, 71-72 1 Pet. 4:12-19	-Do not question the justice or love of God -Pain motivates to learn the Scriptures -Trust your faithful Creator, no matter what
D. People Suffer To Be Ready for Our Future	14. Glory follows suffering 15. Reward follows suffering 16. Glory dulls suffering	Rom. 8:16-17; 1 Pet. 5:10 Matt. 5:11-12 2 Cor. 4:16-5:10	-Future exaltation requires present pain -Heaven more than compensates -Earth's pain is brief compared to eternal glory