

Today's Bible Verses

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Today's 4 verses, read in order, are God's commands to always seek justice and what is good.

a "Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and Yahweh, the God of Hosts, will be with you, as you have claimed."

Amos 5:14 (1 of 4 for Feb 21)

b "Hate evil and love good; establish justice in the gate."

Amos 5:15 (2 of 4 for Feb 21)

c "Take away from Me the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps."

Amos 5:23 (3 of 4 for Feb 21)

d "But let justice flow like water, and righteousness, like an unfailing stream."

Amos 5:24 (4 of 4 for Feb 21)

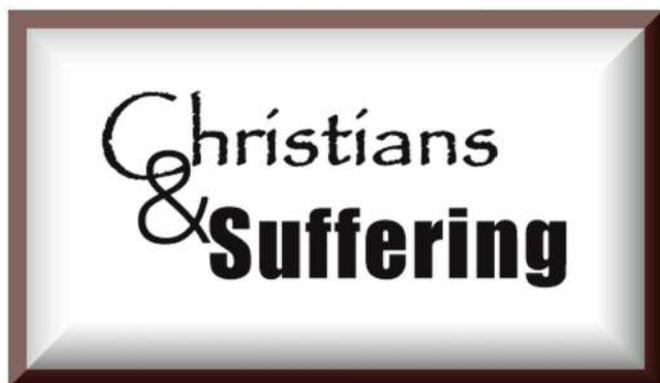
The Bible verses above are those selected for today for my daily posting on both [FACEBOOK](#) and [TWITTER](#).

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Additional Verses and Bible Study

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"I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace.

You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."

Jesus, quoted in John 16:33

PART 21

HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE	COMMENTARY
<p>I repeat: No one should consider me a fool. But if you do, at least accept me as a fool, so I too may boast a little. What I say in this matter of boasting, I don't speak as the Lord would, but foolishly. Since many boast in an unspiritual way, I will also boast. For you, being so wise, gladly put up with fools! In fact, you put up with it if someone enslaves you, if someone devours you, if someone captures you, if someone dominates you, or if someone hits you in the face. I say this to our shame: We have been weak.</p> <p>But in whatever anyone dares to boast — I am talking foolishly — I also dare:</p> <p>Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I'm talking like a madman — I'm a better one: with far more labors, many more imprisonments, far worse beatings, near death many times. Five times I received 39 lashes from Jews. Three times I was beaten with rods by the Romans. Once I was stoned by my enemies. Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day in the open sea. On frequent journeys, I faced dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my own people, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the open country, dangers on the sea, and dangers among false brothers; labor and hardship, many sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, often without food, cold, and lacking clothing.</p>	<p>In today's study, we are looking at a single passage, an excerpt from Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth. It is perhaps the single fullest account of the suffering Paul endured in the name of, and for the sake of, Christ. It is breathtaking.</p> <p>In this letter, Paul is taking the Corinthians to task for many things, including their listening to false teachers and their backsliding away from the true faith. Read the entire eleventh chapter to get a sense of Paul's frustration, which takes the form of what today might be called "passive aggressive." "For if a person comes and preaches another Jesus, whom we did not preach, or you receive a different spirit, which you had not received, or a different gospel, which you had not accepted, you put up with it splendidly!"</p> <p>Regarding the apostles who had been critical of Paul and his evangelism, he said this: "Now I consider myself in no way inferior to the 'super-apostles.' Though untrained in public speaking, I am certainly not untrained in knowledge." The Greek behind the phrase translated "super-apostles" tells us a lot about Paul. The transliteration of the phrase is <i>hyperlian apostolon</i>. The second word is obvious, but the first word is compound, made up of "hyper," meaning "beyond" or "exceeding," and "lian," which means "very, exceedingly, extremely." So he is calling them "beyond exceedingly apostles" — or as we might say in today's vernacular, "super-duper apostles."</p> <p>This, then, is Paul's frame of mind when he lists for the Corinthians all of the suffering he has endured for Christ, and for them. He excuses his boasting by calling it "foolishness," but he holds back nothing.</p> <p>We might read Paul's catalog of injury and persecution and call it <i>hyperlian</i> suffering — "super-duper suffering — and in all seriousness, we would be correct. Strip away Paul's frustration, his passive-aggressive rhetoric, his "foolish" boasting, and we find a man with a life of <i>hyperlian</i> suffering in the name of Christ — and yet who remains <i>hyperlian</i> steadfast in the faith.</p> <p>He lists his catalog of persecutions and sufferings to say to the church, look beyond what you are enduring today, and keep your faith strong and true, so that you may live a life of Christ-like character. He puts them to shame in order to rescue them from their own follies, but he clearly loves them deeply as fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.</p> <p>Have we suffered to the degree Paul did? Almost certainly not. But our sufferings are our own, and Paul's message to the Corinthians (and his own</p>

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USAGE OF THE NAME OF GOD IN THESE VERSES AND STUDIES

As I do in all my Daily and Additional Verses, whenever an OT passage contains the four-letter Name of God יהוה (transliteration: YHVH or YHWH), I change the translation from The LORD to Yahweh. (Yahweh seems to be the most common transliteration of the name, but I have recently come across some very persuasive arguments that the name was originally Yehovah.)

I don't make this change for reasons of doctrine (*or because I think my prayers won't be heard if I don't pronounce God's name correctly!*) – but simply because in the original Hebrew context, **the word is a proper name.** (See Exodus 3:15 below.)

And as such, I believe to read the text in a way that uses a proper name (and not a title, like Lord) conveys more accurate information. Paul told us that “All Scripture is inspired by God,” and so why wouldn't we want to read it the way He inspired it? While it is true that the correct pronunciation of YHWH has been lost, “Yahweh” is probably our era's most commonly used equivalent.

God also said to Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever; this is how I am to be remembered in every generation.”

Exodus 3:15

All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 (HCSB)

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