

Today's Bible Verses

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Today's 4 verses, read in order, are God's promised blessings to those who trust in Him.

a "Yahweh says: The man who trusts in mankind, who makes human flesh his strength and turns his heart from Yahweh is cursed."

Jeremiah 17:5 (1 of 4 for Feb 25)

b "He will be like a juniper in the Arabah; he cannot see when good comes but dwells in the parched places in the wilderness."

Jeremiah 17:6 (2 of 4 for Feb 25)

c "The man who trusts in Yahweh, whose confidence indeed is Yahweh, is blessed."

Jeremiah 17:7 (3 of 4 for Feb 25)

d "He will be like a tree planted by water: it sends its roots out toward a stream, it doesn't fear when heat comes."

Jeremiah 17:8 (4 of 4 for Feb 25)

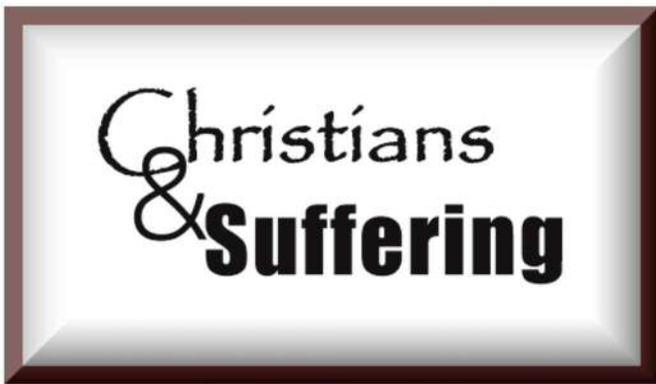
The Bible verses above are those selected for today for my daily posting on both [FACEBOOK](#) and [TWITTER](#).

See also: CHRISTOURPASSOVER.org

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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 25

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Look at how great a love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children. And we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it didn't know Him. Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him because we will see Him as He is.

1 JOHN 3:1-2

For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, so that you won't grow weary and lose heart. In struggling against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons:

My son, do not take the Lord's discipline lightly or faint when you are reproved by Him, for the Lord disciplines the one He loves and punishes every son He receives.

[Proverbs 3:11-12]

Endure suffering as discipline: God is dealing with you as sons. For what son is there that a father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline — which all receive —

COMMENTARY

From the beginning of this current Bible Study on *Christians & Suffering*, we have learned many things about growing strong through the pain of that suffering we are called on to endure,

We found that Scripture tells us that Christ's own suffering was necessary both for His "perfecting" and to accomplish our salvation. We've learned that not only is suffering a part of flesh-and-blood human life, but is also more likely for those to come to those who accept God's invitation to become part of His family.

We've learned from both Peter and Paul that we should face our own afflictions with a dual goal: to Rejoice that we have been found worthy to suffer for Christ, and to redouble our efforts in our own Christian growth and in bringing others to Him through our examples and witness.

Today, we find another reason for the suffering we endure, discussed in an extended passage in the Book of Hebrews. We set the stage, however, by reading from 1 John. "How great a love the Father has given us," he writes, "that **we should be called God's children.**"

And we don't have to think about it very long before we agree what an extraordinary thing that is! Whatever the components of our relationship with Him will one day become, He has chosen the human metaphor of "My children" now, because that is something we all can know and understand. When Christ taught us to pray to "Our Father," we have an instant idea of at least one main way we are to live with Him in our lives.

But, going all the way back to Solomon in the Book of Proverbs, there is an ancillary part of that Father-child relationship that is also true of our relationship with God: "Yahweh disciplines the one He loves, just as a father, the son he delights in." [Proverbs 3:12]

The 11-verse passage from the Book of Hebrews delves extensively into this part of our relationship;

then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had natural fathers discipline us, and we respected them. Shouldn't we submit even more to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time based on what seemed good to them, but He does it for our benefit, so that we can share His holiness. No discipline seems enjoyable at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it yields the fruit of peace and righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore strengthen your tired hands and weakened knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but healed instead.

HEBREWS 12:3-13

some of our suffering as humans comes as a result of being chastised and disciplined by Our Father.

“Endure suffering as discipline: God is dealing with you as sons.” The author goes on to remind us that, if we are not disciplined, then we are “illegitimate children” and not sons. After all, our human fathers disciplined us when it was needed, and we grew to respect them as a result. We should far more greatly respect God our Father, Who looks down from Heaven and loves each of us enough to put us back on the right track when we have wandered away.

The goal is for us to “share His holiness,” which means to be “set apart” to become a part of God’s eternal plans for us humans.

And finally, later, when we emerge into God’s Kingdom in the next life, this suffering through discipline will “yield the fruit of peace and righteousness” for those of us who yielded to God’s chastisement. The author ends by exhorting us to “strengthen your tired hands and weakened knees, and make straight paths for your feet” in the direction God is showing us.

TO DATE: THIS STUDY HAS EXAMINED **90** BIBLICAL PASSAGES IN **25** LESSONS.

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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