

Today's Bible Verses

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Today's 3 verses, read in order, are Jeremiah's teaching that lying about the Word of God brings discipline and chastisement.

a "How can you claim, 'We are wise; the law of Yahweh is with us'? In fact, the lying pen of scribes has produced falsehood."

Jeremiah 8:8 (1 of 3 for Feb 28)

b "The wise will be put to shame; they will be dismayed and snared."

Jeremiah 8:9 (2 of 3 for Feb 28)

c "They have rejected the word of Yahweh, so what wisdom do they really have?"

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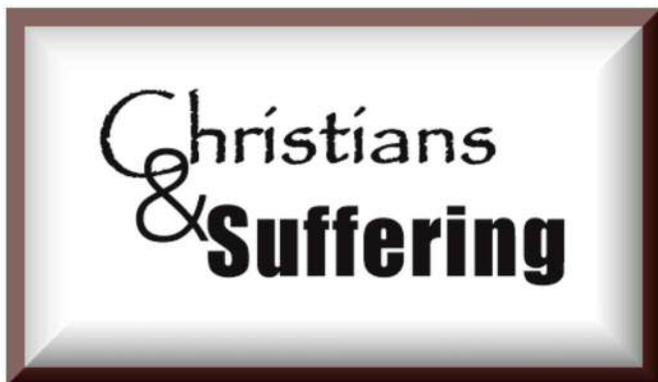
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Additional Verses and Bible Study

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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

Boasting is necessary. It is not profitable, but I will move on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who was caught up into the third heaven 14 years ago. Whether he was in the body or out of the body, I don't know, God knows. I know that this man — whether in the body or out of the body I don't know, God knows — was caught up into paradise. He heard inexpressible words, which a man is not allowed to speak. I will boast about this person, but not about myself, except of my weaknesses. For if I want to boast, I will not be a fool, because I will be telling the truth. But I will spare you, so that no one can credit me with something beyond what he sees in me or hears from me, especially because of the extraordinary revelations. Therefore, so that I would not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to torment me so I would not exalt myself. Concerning this, I pleaded with the Lord three times to take it away from me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me. So I take pleasure in weaknesses, insults, catastrophes, persecutions, and in pressures, because of Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10

By faith, after Moses was born, he was hidden by his parents for three months, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they didn't fear the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter and chose to suffer with the people of God rather than to enjoy the short-lived pleasure of sin. For he considered the reproach because of the Messiah to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, since his attention was on the reward.

HEBREWS 11:23-26

So then, brothers, we are not obligated to the flesh to live according to the flesh, for if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

As we have seen in previous days, Paul was something of the resident (human) expert on suffering. In each of his epistles, he found a way to use his imprisonments, beatings, stonings, and being left for dead, as instruments to teach eternal truths and the message of the Gospel.

In his second letter to the Church in Corinth, Paul makes a huge contrast in perspectives in order to teach them a great lesson about our promised life after death versus our current physical existence.

He introduces the subject of visions and revelations, and continues by speaking (modestly) in the third person. "I know a man in Christ who was caught up into the third heaven..." I don't think I have ever read a commentator or scholar who believes this "man I know" was anyone other than Paul himself. And I think he knew the Corinthians would figure that out also, because immediately after recounting the vision, he makes this transition: "I will boast about this person [the one who saw the vision], but not about myself, except of my weaknesses."

We in this physical world are subject to sufferings and weaknesses, which Paul says are all he has to boast about. He tells them of his suffering in the form of a "thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me," and concludes that he will gladly boast of that infirmity "so that Christ's power may reside in me. In other words, if God chooses to use an imperfect vessel to preach His perfect message, how much more glory is that for God?"

This contrast of greatness and lowliness is mentioned in the book of Hebrews, as well. The author speaks of Moses, who was brought up (in once sense) out of the waters of the Nile and brought up (in another sense) in the household of Pharaoh. This exalted state could have belonged to Moses all the rest of his life, had he so chosen. But instead, he chose "to suffer with the people of God rather than to enjoy the short-lived pleasure of sin." God's greatness (in the Exodus story) is made plain in the "lowliness" of Moses.

And we come back to Paul in his letter to the Roman Church, as he once again demonstrates the dichotomy of "living according to the flesh" which results in death, and living "by the Spirit," where you "put to death the deeds of the body" and you thereby will live. Not only that — you will live *as God's children!*

Suffering comes as part of the deal of being human, fleshly, earthy. It is unavoidable, and yet is often the instrument used by God to demonstrate His greatness, power, and righteousness.

All those led by God's Spirit are God's sons. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children.

ROMANS 8:12-16

While we are clothed in our physical skin, and our fleshly heart still beats inside of us, we are called on to think on and live in the Spirit. Our suffering is not only a barrier that God can help us overcome, but a reminder of where our attention and focus truly need to be. The lesson is clear:

Live in the Spirit, above your suffering, and you will be a child of God.

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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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