

Today's Bible Verses

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Today's 5 verses, read in order, come from the time of the Exodus and tell of God's commandments to His people.

(Note that "circumcision of the heart" is very much an OLD Testament concept!)

a [Moses:] "I stayed on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights. Yahweh listened to me; He agreed not to annihilate you."
Deuteronomy 10:10 (1 of 5 for Feb 5)

b [Moses:] "What does Yahweh your God ask of you except to fear Yahweh your God by walking in all His ways..."
Deuteronomy 10:12 (2 of 5 for Feb 5)

c [Moses:] "...to love Him, and to worship Yahweh your God with all your heart and all your soul."
Deuteronomy 10:12 (3 of 5 for Feb 5)

d [Moses:] "Therefore, circumcise your hearts and don't be stiff-necked any longer."
Deuteronomy 10:16 (4 of 5 for Feb 5)

e [Moses:] "Keep Yahweh's commands and statutes I am giving you today, for your own good."
Deuteronomy 10:13 (5 of 5 for Feb 5)

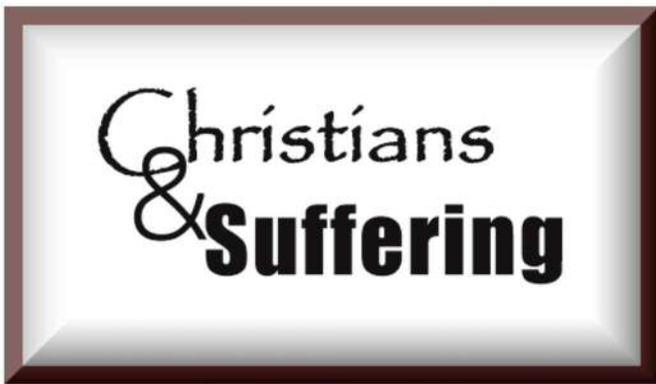
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Additional Verses and Bible Study

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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 5

HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that would come to you searched and carefully investigated. They inquired into what time or what circumstances the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when He testified in advance to the messianic **sufferings** and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you. These things have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Angels desire to look into these things.

1 PETER 1:10-12

For what credit is there if you sin and are punished, and you endure it? But when you do what is good and suffer, if you endure it, this brings favor with God.

For you were called to this,
because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example,
so that you should follow in His steps.
He did not commit sin,
and no deceit was found in His mouth;
when He was reviled,
He did not revile in return;
when He was suffering,
He did not threaten
but entrusted Himself to the One who judges
justly.

He Himself bore our sins
in His body on the tree,
so that, having died to sins,
we might live for righteousness;
you have been healed by His wounds.

COMMENTARY

Yesterday we used the writings of Luke to examine how Christ's suffering found its way into his history of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and the birth of the Church. His "research historian" approach is unique, and therefore very instructive for our knowledge of the Bible.

Today, we will turn to perhaps the most outspoken of the disciples, Peter. We've already read an excerpt from his sermon at the Temple, shortly after the ascension of Jesus. In that passage, he points fingers and places blame for the suffering, torture, and death of the Christ.

But now we turn to the older, more mature, and wiser Peter. (He even he refers to himself as "an elder" by this time.) References to the fact and meaning of Christ's suffering are found in each of the five chapter divisions of Peter's first letter. So let's see what he had to say, and how it makes a thread throughout the message he is sending.

Once again, in Peter, we see the authorities in Scripture making a connection between salvation and Christ's suffering. Peter tells us that those seeking information on "time" and "circumstances" (we today might say, "setting dates") were inquiring about the "messianic sufferings and glories" to come. These, they perceived, were linked to the overall question of salvation.

This is followed by Peter's admonition (and therefore his explanation) that we "have been healed by His wounds" and that "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree." Peter is telling us (as others in the NT have done) that, without the suffering, Christ would not have been able to fulfill His entire mission – and that mission included our healing and our forgiveness. Being forgiven, we are therefore **saved from the penalty of our sins** – and that

For you were like sheep going astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

1 PETER 2:20-25

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, after being put to death in the fleshly realm but made alive in the spiritual realm.

1 PETER 3:17-18

Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh, equip yourselves also with the same resolve — because the one who suffered in the flesh has finished with sin — in order to live the remaining time in the flesh, no longer for human desires, but for God's will.

1 PETER 4:1-2

Therefore, as a fellow elder and witness to the sufferings of the Messiah and also a participant in the glory about to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you:

Shepherd God's flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but freely, according to God's will; not for the money but eagerly; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

1 PETER 5:1-4

is the very core of the salvation brought by Messiah.

Peter also twice makes the distinction between any suffering we have because of the sins we commit (don't we deserve that? he hints) as opposed to suffering that we endure while we are doing good — pursuing Godly things, obeying Christ's commands for our lives. "It is better to suffer for doing good," Peter says, "if that should be God's will, than for doing evil." Why? Again, it's the link we've been looking at the last several days: "For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous and the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God."

And with this, Peter moves to the next point about this linkage. "Since Christ suffered in the flesh," we should equip ourselves with the same resolve. The goal is to put away "human desires" and to live solely for God's will.

Finally, Peter wraps up his message, and cites one of his main qualifications for being able to preach the message of salvation through Jesus the Messiah — the fact that he, Peter, was a "witness to the sufferings of the Messiah." He saw it; he knew it; he felt it (perhaps as deeply as anyone because of his denials of Messiah).

We live in the promise of eternal life today because of the sufferings of Jesus, the Messiah, the eternal "I AM," the God of Creation, and our "brother" in the worship of the Father.

Peter seems to be saying, if Christ suffered so horribly for each one of us, are not any sufferings we endure in this life nothing compared to the joy, beauty, freedom, and love that we will inherit by Christ's act of sacrifice, atonement, forgiveness, and love.

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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