



Earthquakes





Wild fires





Floods

Tsunamis



Tornadoes

“Unless you repent, you
too will all perish.”

(Luke 13.3, 5).

Patient endurance

For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth”. When they hurled insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

(1 Pet. 2.19-23).

Fix our eyes on Jesus ... who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Heb.12.2-3).

Grow in maturity

In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God ... should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. (Heb.2.10).

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin.

(Heb. 4.15).

Consider it pure joy, my brothers,
whenever you face trials of many
kinds, because you know that the
testing of your faith develops
perseverance. Perseverance must
finish its work so that you may be
mature and complete, not lacking
anything.” (James 1.2-4).

We rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.
(Rom. 5.3-4).

There is always an indefinable something about people who have suffered considerably. They have a fragrance that others lack.

Be fruitful

I tell you the truth, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

(John 12.24)

Look ahead to heaven.

Jesus ... for the joy set before him,
endured the Cross. (Heb.12.2)

Praise be to the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great
mercy he has given us new birth into
a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
dead,

and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the last time.

(1 Pet. 1.3-5).

I consider that our present sufferings
are not worth comparing with the
glory that will be revealed in us”
(Rom.8.18).

Remember God's love

He who did not spare his only Son,
but gave him up for us all – how will
he not also, along with him,
graciously give us all things?

(Rom.8.32).

Trouble, hardship, persecution,
famine, nakedness, danger, sword.

(Rom. 8.35)

Nothing “will be able to separate us
from the love of God that is in Christ
our Lord.” (Rom. 8.39)

Recall Christ's
sufferings.

“My God my God, why have you
forsaken me” he cried.

(Matt.27.46).

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