

Different Judgments and Different Sufferings

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1Pe 4:18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

1Pe 4:19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

I. Review

A. Peter has spoken of suffering well over 40 times: Jesus—Noah—Us

B. Peter has repeatedly spoken of judgment

1Pe 1:17 ...the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth... every man's work...

1Pe 2:23 ...he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

1Pe 3:12 ...the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.

1Pe 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when...God waited in the days of Noah...

1Pe 4:6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh...

C. We have seen that God judges different people in different ways at different times

1Pe 4:5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

2Ti 4:1 ...God...shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

Isa 10:12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, *that* when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

D. Peter has repeatedly spoken of the idea that there are different causes of suffering

1Pe 1:6 ...though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness...

1Pe 2:20 ...when ye be buffeted for your faults...when ye do well, and suffer *for it*...

1Pe 3:17 ...*it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil...

1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ...

1Pe 4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or *as* a thief, or *as* an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

1Pe 4:16 Yet if *any man suffer* as a Christian...

II. Peter continues to speak of different judgments and different sufferings

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A. *For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God*

Heb 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

1Pe 1:6 ...though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness...

Luk 12:47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not *himself*, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*.

Luk 12:48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes*. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

B. *If it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?*

1Pe 4:5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

1Pe 4:6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh...

2Th 1:6 ...*it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

2Th 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

2Th 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

2Th 1:9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction...

C. *If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?*

Pro 11:31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

1Co 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

1. We're righteous by Jesus: Not that He was barely able—but with much difficulty

Mat 27:46 ...My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

2. Even the most righteous are not very righteous (of themselves)

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

1Co 10:10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

1Co 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Heb 10:30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

Heb 10:31 *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

3. Where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

2Pe 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

D. Wherefore let them that suffer

1. A saint's suffering now is infinitely less than the eternal sufferings of the ungodly

2. A saint's suffering is nothing compared to the glory that saint will one day know

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

2Co 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;

2Co 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

E. Suffer according to the will of God

1Pe 1:6 ...though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

1Pe 3:17 For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

1Pe 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

1Pe 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you...

Php 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

2Co 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

2Co 12:8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2Co 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

F. Commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing

1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1Pe 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1Pe 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

Act 7:59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

2Ti 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

G. As unto a faithful Creator

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus** unto good works...

Php 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath **begun a good work** in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth**, wherein dwelleth righteousness.