

# Groaning for Glory

Romans 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.** 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the **manifestation of the sons of God.** 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the **bondage of corruption** into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the **whole creation groaneth** and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves **groan** within ourselves, waiting for **the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.** 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*. 26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with **groanings**

which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

- Sin messed up everything
- It messed up man and it messed up our environment
- Even the creation cries out to God for the day things will be back like they are supposed to be
- If you understood your past it would humble you
- If you understood your future you would be extremely excited
- If you understood that already you get to experience and live out a small part of our future you would love Jesus more and more

1. Destined for glory! **Romans 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.***
  - a. He not only changes our nature
  - b. Guarantees our victory
  - c. Confirms our relationship
  - d. He also guarantees our glory

- e. We can't lose our salvation once saved we are going all the way!
- i. Predestination applies only to us as believers and is given as a great promise **Romans 8:30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
1. He has been at work in us and continues to be
  2. What He started He will finish
  3. You need not worry about your destiny. It is fixed.  
You are His and He will get you home
- ii. There is nothing that is going to separate you from His love or stop His process of sanctification in your life **Romans 8:38** For **I am persuaded**, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
- iii. He will finish what He started **Philippians 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:

f. Salvation is a continual growing process in us

II Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, **are changed into the same image** from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2. Our great glory will be the day He makes it clear that we are His sons! Romans 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the **manifestation of the sons of God.**

- a. We are His sons now but we are not enjoying the full privileges of who we are
- b. This is like the coming out party, the quinceanera party! The debutant comes out. This is the day we are publicly recognized for who we are
- c. Even our bodies will be made new Romans 8:23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves **groan** within ourselves,

waiting for **the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.**

- i. We are His children now. We understand the feeling of adoption, the security, the intimacy but we still live in this world with dying bodies
  - ii. When He comes back we will reach our full potential
  - iii. We will be given our new bodies. We will be free from the very presence of sin
    1. We have already been freed from the penalty of sin
    2. We have victory now over the power of sin or we are getting it each day that we honor God
    3. But no matter how much we love Jesus and how right we live we are still in the presence of sin, its effects, death and dying but soon we will be in the perfect place with the perfect body
  - d. This manifestation is the public showing of His sons. He will publicly and proudly make clear that we are His
3. Even the creation waits eagerly for that great day [21](#)  
**Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**

- a. The creation was plunged into corruption when Adam sinned
- b. The curse was placed on the earth
- c. You should know that this planet and earth are not like they were originally designed to be. Rather the earth is in the bondage, slavery of corruption, rotting.
- d. That should help you understand somethings about life on this planet
  - i. Don't be surprised when things go wrong in life-this life, even the creation is under the consequences of sin
  - ii. Don't ever put your ultimate hope in anything that men can do for you or do to improve this world's conditions
  - iii. Keep your eyes on Jesus. He is the only answer, the only hope
  - iv. This world was never meant to be a dog eat dog world  
**Isaiah 11:6** The **wolf** also shall dwell with the **lamb**,  
And the **leopard** shall lie down with the **kid**; And the **calf** and the **young lion** and the **fatling** together; And **a little child shall lead them.** **7** And the **cow** and the **bear** shall feed; Their **young ones shall lie down together:** And the **lion shall eat straw like**

**the ox.** 8 And the **sucking child** shall play on the hole of the **asp**, And the weaned **child** shall put his hand on the **cockatrice'** den.

- e. The creation did nothing wrong but has been suffering the effects of man's sin for all these years 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope,
- f. When we get our total position in Christ the creation will be freed to live who to its original intention and potential 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the **bondage of corruption** into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
  - i. If you think the creation is beautiful and fantastic now you will not be able to imagine it when it is what it was before the curse
  - ii. The creation is still great enough now to cause a man to know that there is a God and to leave him without excuse Romans 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even his*

eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

g. The creation anxiously waits for the day of our adoption, manifestation. It is like the creation is ready to give birth. The pain of our sin will be over. Everything will live up to what God wanted **22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth** and travaileth in pain together until now.

4. God's people that know what is going on are anxiously waiting for that day **24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.**

a. This hope isn't about being doubtful but rather excitedly waiting

b. We can't wait to see God turn His creation into what He meant for it to be

c. We can't wait for Him to give us our bodies, the new transformed, resurrected bodies like His

d. We wait patiently enduring



- i. This patience does not mean setting up shop here
  - ii. It does not mean making this world my home
  - iii. It means, I can't wait for Jesus to come and give me all He has promised
  - iv. But I will live here serving Him until He comes
  - v. I will keep an eye on the horizon
- e. The idea of hope is, I can't wait. I know it is going to happen just don't know when. A girl wanting him to ask her officially to marry her

5. Weak people praying **26** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with **groanings** which cannot be uttered. **27** And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

- a. We are weak. We are human. We have failing bodies and minds
- b. We do not understand God, what is best for us, or how to even pray

- c. We are to pray! Being weak is no excuse not to pray
- d. When we pray God in us actually prays to God
- e. God searches our hearts, knows what is best and helps us to pray
- f. God prays through our weakness even that God's will take place
- g. This groaning doesn't speak of some tongue, noise etc. It speaks of how my heart longs for God and wants Him and His will and He takes that and uses it

- Will you believe that God has great plans for you and get off your petty dreams and aspirations of greatness?
- Have you been having problems doubting your salvation? Does this lesson clear that up for you?
- Rest in this that He who saved you will carry you through.
- There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God
- He will finish what He started
- He is at work in you making you into what you should be. You are not an accident. Things are not just happening. God has a purpose and a plan for all of it

- Everything God made will one day live up to its potential. It will live out what it was made to do. We can begin doing that right now where we are!
- Don't hope in this world or humans. They fail but Jesus is victorious over it all!
- Know that this morning your heart cries out to Him. You know that but do not know how to express it. Don't worry the Holy Spirit is at work in you.
- Come and tell Him how much you love and worship Him
- Tell how much you long to see Him and be like Him
- Worship the One that saved you and gave you this new life