

# REASONABLE DOUBTS



## WHY IS THERE PAIN?

## WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS PERSPECTIVE

## 13 REASONS WE SUFFER

1. ADAMIC SUFFERING
2. PUNISHMENT SUFFERING
3. DISCIPLINARY AFFLICTION
4. DEMONIC AFFLICTION
5. VICTIM AFFLICTION
6. COLLECTIVE AFFLICTION
7. CONSEQUENTIAL SUFFERING
8. VICARIOUS AFFLICTION
9. EMPATHETIC AFFLICTION
10. TESTIMONIAL AFFLICTION
11. PROVIDENTIAL AFFLICTION
12. PREVENTATIVE AFFLICTION
13. MYSTERIOUS AFFLICTION

## GOD'S PERSPECTIVE VS. OUR PERSPECTIVE

## GOD UNDERSTANDS OUR SUFFERING

Isaiah 53:4

He suffered the things we should have suffered.  
He took on himself the pain that should have been ours.  
But we thought God was punishing him.  
We thought God was wounding him and making him suffer.

## GOD'S ROLE

Ephesians 4:6

There is one God and Father of all. He is over everything.  
He is through everything. He is in everything.

## GOD IS GOOD

Psalms 107:1

Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good.  
His faithful love continues forever.

2 Corinthians 1:3

Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
He is the Father who gives tender love. All comfort comes from him.

## OUR RESPONSE

1 Peter 5:6-10

So don't be proud. Put yourselves under God's mighty hand.  
Then he will honor you at the right time. Turn all your worries over to him.  
He cares about you. Control yourselves. Be on your guard.  
Your enemy the devil is like a roaring lion. He prowls around looking for someone to chew up and swallow. Stand up to him. Stand firm in what you believe. All over the world you know that your brothers and sisters are going through the same kind of suffering. God always gives you all the grace you need. So you will only have to suffer for a little while. Then God himself will build you up again.  
He will make you strong and steady. And he has chosen you to share in his eternal glory because you belong to Christ.