

**Joy in Suffering**  
**Job 19:1-29, Pew Bible p. 429**  
**December 18, 2022**

**I. The Pain of Suffering (V. 1-22)**

- A. The world will always prefer to blame suffering on the sufferer.
  
- B. Why would a good God allow suffering?
  - 1. To rebuke Satan.
  - 2. To perfect our faith.
  - 3. To point to Jesus.

**II. The Hope of the Redeemer (V. 23-29)**

- A. The Redeemer makes suffering worth it.
  
- B. The Redeemer makes sin not worth it.
  
- C. The Redeemer proves there is no such thing as a victim of God.

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read Job 19:1-29.
2. Is it possible for people to face intense suffering without it being their fault, as Job claims in verse 4? Why do we tend to use people's disgrace (pain) as an argument against them (an argument to prove it's their fault), as Job's friends did in verses 5?
3. Who is ultimately responsible for Job's suffering in verses 8-13? How can God be good and yet allow innocent people to suffer?
4. Share a time in your life that you went through intense pain from no fault of your own. Why do you think God allowed you to suffer that pain?
5. In all of Job's pain and suffering, what does he say will finally bring him peace, according to verse 26? What does that tell you about the meaning of life?
6. Why is the coming judgment at the hands of the Redeemer a good thing, according to verse 29? In what ways is Jesus both a redeemer and a judge?
7. Pray for our church members to be on mission to all people during this Christmas season. Consider coming to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center across the hall from the Choir Room.

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

2 Kings 3-5

December Memory Verses: 1 Kings 18:36-37



***Ephesians 6:18-20***

*<sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.*

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting**

- PRAYING this week for the evangelism efforts of our church members, that they will lead people to Christ.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:  
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Arizona
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus  
Marge D. – Salvation for son, Matthew
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:  
Elaine D. (sister); Gary & Betty B. (brother-in-law); Family of Wayne & Twila D.; and Larry & Brenda D. (her sister-in-law)
- Those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:  
Michelle L. (health issues); Leon V. (chemo); Debbie B. (chemo); Ann C.-W. (health issues); Mary R. (transplant recovery); Laura M. (health issue); Stan & Twyla H. (health & other issues); Michelle LaM. (health issues); Debbie P. (health issues); Ken & Darlene R. (health issues); Don R. (pneumonia and broken ribs); Carolyn H. (father in hospice); and John E. (in hospice)
- Others that you are aware of