

OUTLINE ... Romans 8:18-30 ...

(1) We suffer as part of our inheritance of the glory to come, 8:18-24.

- Our suffering does not compare to the glory to come, 8:18.
- The entire creation groans and is eager our redemption, 8:19-22.
- We groan as we eagerly wait for the redemption of our bodies, 8:23.
- We wait and hope for the coming glory with patience, 8:24-25.

(2) God's good plan for the glory to come takes into account our weakness and our love for him, 8:26-28.

- The Spirit helps us in our weakness, 8:26.
- The Spirit prays for us according to the will of God, 8:27.
- We know that God will work everything out for good, 8:28.

(3) God's good plan to bring us to the coming glory spans eternity, 8:29-30.

- God chose some people to be conformed to the image of his Son before the foundation of the world, 8:29, Ephesians 1:4-5.
- Those whom he decided upon he called, 8:30a.
- Those whom he called he made ready through the shed blood of Christ, 8:30b.
- Those whom he made ready he brings to the coming glory, 8:30c.

John Calvin ...

- If then it be grievous to any to groan, they necessarily subvert **the order laid down by God, who does not call his people to victory before he exercises them in the warfare of patience.** But since it has pleased God to lay up our salvation, as it were, in his closed bosom, it is expedient for us to toil on earth, to be oppressed, to mourn, to be afflicted, yea, to lie down as half-dead and to be like the dead; **for they who seek a visible salvation** reject it, as they renounce hope which has been appointed by God as its guardian.

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- And he requires that there should be **a feeling of two kinds in the faithful:** that being burdened with the sense of their present misery, they are to groan; and that notwithstanding they are to wait patiently for their deliverance; for he would have them to be raised up with the expectation of their future blessedness, and by an elevation of mind to overcome all their present miseries, **while they consider not what they are now, but what they are to be.**

COMING SOON TO A UNIVERSE NEAR YOU!

THE GREAT DAY OF GOD!
- THE TRILOGY -
PREQUEL: THE CHOOSING!
SEQUEL: THE GLORY TO COME!

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THE DARK PLANET!

