



WHEN LIFE IS TOUGH

A Biblical Perspective on a Fallen World

Part 2 - Romans 8:19-22

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1. Understand _____ (vv.19, 21b)

2. Cope _____ (vv.20-21a, 22)

3. Look _____ (vv.19-22)

19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. How can a thoughtful and accurate focus on God's consummation of history and your future eternal reality change you now?
2. Read **Acts 3:19-21**. How should a future focus on God's promised "times of refreshing" and "restoring" affect our view of evangelism?
3. Read **2 Peter 3:10-13**. In your own words, thoughtfully answer the rhetorical question contained in this passage (i.e., "Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be...?").
4. Read **Psalms 8**. How does a proper and balanced view of God's current creation steer Christians away from the "radical environmentalism" of today's secular society?
5. What do you look forward to the most as you ponder the promise of a perfect planet?
6. In **Matthew 6:10** Jesus taught us to pray that God's kingdom would come. How frequently are you praying that prayer and how can you be reminded to pray it more often?

The Compass "Bible Reading" Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (*Reading Plans: Through the Bible*) for schedule prompts.

May 9th

1Kgs. 19-20 & Jn. 2

May 10th

1Kgs. 21-22 & Jn. 3:1-21

May 11th

2Kgs. 1-3 & Jn. 3:22-36

May 12th

2Kgs. 4-5 & Jn. 4:1-30

May 13th

2Kgs. 6-8 & Jn. 4:31-54

May 14th

2Kgs. 9-11 & Jn. 5:1-24

May 15th

2Kgs. 12-14 & Jn. 5:25-47

May 16th

2Kgs. 15-17 & Jn. 6:1-21

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 0929 – **Getting Excited About Our New Destiny**

CD # 0710 – **Reaching Forward with the Hope of a New World**

CD # 0711 – **Hanging On With the Hope of a New Body**

CD # 0705 – **Motivated by Christ's Rewards at His Return**

CD # 0839 – **Where's the Promised "Peace on Earth"**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon.

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MacArthur, John. **The Glory of Heaven: The Truth About Heaven, Angels and Eternal Life**. Crossway Books, 1996.

McDowell, Josh. **The Resurrection Factor**. Here's Life Publishers, 1981.

Piper, John. **Future Grace: The Purifying Power of Living by Faith**. Multnomah Press, 1998.

Stowell, Joseph. **Eternity: Reclaiming a Passion for What Endures**. Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.

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