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ROMANS 8: 18-27

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INTRODUCTION:

8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Our lives would go so much better if we are led by the Spirit of God. In verses 12-13, Paul calls these Roman Believers brethren, for they were able to mortify the deeds of the flesh, and now they are sons of God being led by the Spirit of God. Therefore, being sons of God, we are always maturing, for the Spirit of God will guide and direct, for He is Convictor, Counselor, and Teacher of the truth of Jesus Christ. God's purpose is always our best for life.

8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. Paul tells them what they have not received, and what they as believers have received. They no more have the spirit of bondage to fear again. They've been adopted into a new family which brings forth a new Father in their lives and a new freedom as sons of God; an intimacy with the Father. Before accepting Jesus, the spirit of fear would hover over them and keep them in bondage. That fear could be suffering, disease, unemployment, failure, disapproval and much more. But when they cry out Abba Father; "Abba" meaning Father, they're responding to the One who has adopted them and made them sons and has given them freedom in a way they had never had before. His assurance gives all of us confidence in the Spirit and communion with the Spirit.

8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:— In order to know that we are children of God, it is God's Spirit who bears witness within our spirit. Our outlook is different.

- The Holy Spirit quickens our hearts to believe and not doubt.
- The Holy Spirit sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts. He spreads the knowledge that God loves us.
- The Holy Spirit is our seal and guarantee.

We hold to these unchanging benefits as children of God.

8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. Therefore if we are children of God, we are given an inheritance from the Father.

- The Holy Spirit bears witness that we are heirs of God.
 - Heirs of Eternal Life.
 - Heirs of Salvation.
 - Heir of the promises made to Abraham, who's the father of many nations, where we become citizens of a great nation of people.
 - Heirs of glory.
 - Heirs of righteousness.
 - Heirs of the grace of life.
- The Holy Spirit bears witness that we are joint-heirs with Christ.
 - We shall suffer together with Him.
 - We shall also share His glory.

LESSON: I. SUFFERING EXPERIENCED ROMANS 8:18-21

8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the



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glory which shall be revealed in us. We suffer now, but our present troubles seem very small when we think about the glory its revealing. Have you come to realize that what you go through may seem small compared to what someone else is going through?

That reminded me of my complaint of something in my life was not the worst compared in someone else's life. I was going across the light on McGregor and 288 and was broad sided by a car, slamming me into the rail of the bayou. I didn't go over the bridge, thank God! The first thing the person did that hit me was come over to see how I was. I was going to the park; he had just come from the hospital from seeing his daughter who was terribly ill, and he lived out of town. The Holy Spirit convicted me right then.

We still have growing to do, that's why we should repent everytime God shows us something about ourselves! This present suffering is small compared to the glory that will be revealed in us. That's our final phase—glorification. The glory of God shall be revealed in us! It shall become apart of our very nature and being; the Glory shall radiate and shine forth from our resurrected bodies. Of course, we don't want to suffer or struggle, but they are a refining process which changes our attitude, our character, and actions. They bring about an humbling experience. So, we say: help us Lord as we go through the process until we see You! Can't do it along!

8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

There is an earnest intense anticipation and expectation of the creature (*all that God has created*) waiting for the revealing and manifestation of the sons of God (*those that are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God*) (8:14).

8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,— A lot of the scriptures specify "creation" instead of "creature." Know that all was affected because of sin. When man sinned, the entire world was doomed to suffer the consequences of sin along with him. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. "Creation" and "Creature" was made subject or subjected to "vanity"—decay; futility and frustration; unable to realize its purpose and was subject to corruption by God, for there are consequences to sin. However, He also subjected man in hope for God did not want us to stay in the state we were in. He always has a plan, allowing another chance for a future hope.

8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. There is a bright side: Hope. "Creation" and "Creature" shall be delivered. When man is liberated from the bondage of corruption, his world shall be liberated as well!

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness 2Peter 3:10-13.

And the world around us will share in the deliverance which belonged to the glorious freedom of the children of God! "*For the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain*" Is.66:22.

II. SALVATION EXPLAINED ROMANS 8:22-25

8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. To this day we know that the whole creation "groans" (cries; squeals; grunts) and "travails" (struggles; toil; labors) in pain together. It's the picture of a woman giving birth. Creation is experiencing birth pains under the struggle to survive. "*Until now*" means from the fall of man until this present moment. Creation resents evil and struggles against decay and death. It fights for survival. It struggles against bondage of being slaughtered or changed. So, Creation awaits the Day of Redemption—anxiously, expectantly, longingly, and eagerly for its deliverance from

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corruption. Creation moans and groans and cries for the unveiling of the Sons of God! But man together with Creation anticipate the joy that follows the pain of birth!

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. The believer suffers and struggles for deliverance from corruption as well. As partakers of the divine nature (2Peter 1:4), believers have the Holy Spirit indwelling in them. Romans 8:9 it says, *"But ye are not of the flesh, but of the Spirit..."*¹ The first fruit is the beginning of the harvest. It is like a promise that the full (complete) harvest will follow. So, Christians have received the Holy Spirit, but we share the pain of the world that God made. Therefore, the term "first-fruits" means the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. When a believer is truly saved, he possesses the Holy Spirit and bears the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy peace etc. However, we groan within ourselves, waiting for the complete adoption. This includes the "*redemption of our bodies.*" "*Redemption*" (*bought; ransomed back from the power of sin and death*) and the freeing of our bodies as He raises us to a new life. We may go through pain, distress, and failing health, but we know that we possess the seal or down payment of the Holy Spirit, and God will certainly redeem our bodies as He has already redeemed our souls.

8:24 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?— If we were saved by sight, we would not hope in God. It is hope that keeps us seeking after God and His redemption. The believer knows that God's Spirit lives within him, and we actually experience the things of the Spirit now. Granted our experience is but a taste; the things of the Spirit are not yet perfected in our lives, but they do exist. We want to be free from the weakness of our physical bodies. Therefore, we're waiting for the full adoption, that is, the redemption of our bodies. ²This would not be hope if we had already received these things. Nobody hopes for what he has already. Our hope continues to be assured expectation, confident knowledge, inward possession, and spiritual surety of what has not come. Therefore, our hope is a sure hope that will be in the future.

8:25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. God is after one thing, our having patience (*forbearance*) in hope. The more we hope for complete salvation and redemption, the closer we draw to God. The more we hope, the more we will trust, believe, love, and depend upon God. And this is exactly what God is after as we go pass all the hindrances. It is His plan and purpose for us to hope.

III. SPIRIT EMPOWERMENT ROMANS 8:26-27

8:26 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. In the same way, during this time of waiting for the Lord's return, the Spirit helps in our weaknesses. The Greek word is 'paracletos' (*"Comforter"* or *"Counselor"* or *the One called alongside to help*) John 14:16. At times we don't even know what to pray for in our present situation as we ought, but it is the Spirit Himself who makes intercession on our behalf. He interprets our innermost feelings and intercedes for us with groanings (*inarticulate sounds*) which cannot be uttered.

8:27 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. God searches all our hearts. There is no exception. He knows exactly what is within our hearts. And at times we don't know how to pray and what to pray for (8:26). However, God can read and understand what our groanings and needs are as the Holy Spirit interprets for us. God knows the mind of the Holy Spirit because God is in complete harmony with the Spirit. The Spirit intercedes for the saints, for He prays according to the Will of God, thereby, knowing exactly what He is

¹ <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/romans-lbw.htm>

² <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/romans-lbw.htm>

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requesting for us. So, it is God who searches the heart; and the Holy Spirit makes intercession! Intercession is made for us not only by God the Son (Romans 8:34), who sits at the right hand of the Father, but also by God the Spirit (Romans 8:27) who dwells within the believer. There is perfect agreement between the Holy Spirit and God the Father. We are certainly covered by prayer. God will answer our prayer and meet our needs. He will deliver and save us according to His Will.

SUMMARY:

18 The sufferings of this present time are not to be compared with the glory that will be revealed in us. **19** The earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God—those led by the Spirit of God. **20** "Creation" and "Creature" was made subject or subjected to "*vanity*"—decay; futility and frustration; unable to realize its purpose, and was subject to corruption by God, who also subjected them in hope. **21** "Creation" and "Creature" shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the freedom which belongs to the glory of the children of God (**8:18-21**).

22 *To this day we know that the whole creation "groans" (cries; squeals; grunts) and "travails" (struggles; toil; labors) in pain together; waiting until now in pain like a woman ready to give birth to a child.* **23** Not only the world, but we (believers) also which have the first fruits of the Spirit have been groaning within and waiting for the adoption—the redemption of our body. We have the Spirit as the first part of God's promise. So, we are waiting for God to finish making us His own children—our bodies to be made free. **24** When we were saved, we had this hope. If we can see what we are waiting for, it's not really hope. People don't hope for something they already have. **25** But if we hope for something still unseen, then we are hoping for something we don't have yet, and we are waiting for it patiently (**8:22-25**).

26 In the same way, during this time of waiting for the Lord's return, the Spirit helps in our weaknesses. We don't know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself speaks to God on our behalf with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** God knows exactly what is within our hearts because He searches our hearts to make intercession for the saints according to the Will of God (**8:26-27**).