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❖ **Ezekiel 24:14: I the LORD have spoken. The time has come for me to act. I will not hold back; I will not have pity, nor will I relent. You will be judged according to your conduct and your actions, declares the Sovereign LORD.**

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1. Believers will not suffer eternally from the wrath of God for their sins– because Jesus suffered in our place
2. Believers do sometimes suffer because of sin in their lives
3. Believers' sufferings are not necessarily the result of sin in their life
4. Believers' sufferings bring about maturity
5. Believers' sufferings can result in glory to the Lord
6. Believers' sufferings will be rewarded

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- ❖ **1. Believers will not suffer eternally from the wrath of God for their sins because Jesus suffered in our place. It was hard and it hurt.**

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- **1 Thess 1:10:** Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath
- **Romans 5:1:** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ
- **Romans 5:9** Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath
- **Romans 5:16:** The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification
- **John 3:36** Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.

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- ❖ **2. Believers do sometimes suffer because of sin in their lives or in the lives of those around them.**
- ❖ **And it hurts.**

1 Cor 11:28-32: A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. ³²When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

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James 4:1-2: What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ²You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight.

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1 Peter 2:22: He committed no sin and no deceit was found in his mouth

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- **living a righteous life**

Matthew 5:11-12 Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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❖ **4. Believers' sufferings bring about maturity but they still hurt.**

James 1:2-4 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

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Chastening: (discipline) – paideia - education or training; by implication disciplinary correction: - chastening, chastisement, instruction, nurture.

Scourge: (punish) - mastigoō -From G3148; to flog (literally or figuratively): - scourge, plague , whip, scourge.

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Divine chastisement...entails all and any suffering which God ordains for His children which is always designed for their good.

God's chastisement of us includes not only His "whipping" us, for specific transgressions but also the entire range of trials and tribulations which He providentially ordains and which work to mortify sin and nurture faith. - *Zhodiates – The Complete Word Study Dictionary*

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Hebrews 12:7-12 ⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? ⁸ If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. ⁹ Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! ¹⁰ Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. ¹² Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.

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❖ **5. Believers' sufferings can result in glory to the Lord but they still hurt.**

2 Corinthians 4:8-12 ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

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❖ **5. Believers' sufferings can result in glory to the Lord but they still hurt.**

John 9:1-3 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life."

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❖ **5. Believers' sufferings can result in glory to the Lord but they still hurt.**

Job 1:21 The LORD gives, and the LORD takes away.
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Lamentations 3:21-23 This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. ²² The LORD's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; Great is Thy faithfulness.

Psalms 63:6-7 On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. ⁷ Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.

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❖ **6. Believers' sufferings will be rewarded but they still hurt.**

1 Peter 1:6-7 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that your faith-- of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-- may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

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❖ **7. Believers' sufferings never separate them from the love of God but they still hurt.**

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?.....

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.