

Today's Bible Verses

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Today's 2 verses are wise sayings from the writings of Solomon about the fate of the evil ones.

"Don't envy evil men or desire to be with them, for their hearts plan violence, and their words stir up trouble."

Proverbs 24:1-2 (1 of 2 for Mar 6)

"Though a righteous man falls seven times, he will get up, but the wicked will stumble into ruin."

Proverbs 24:16 (2 of 2 for Mar 6)

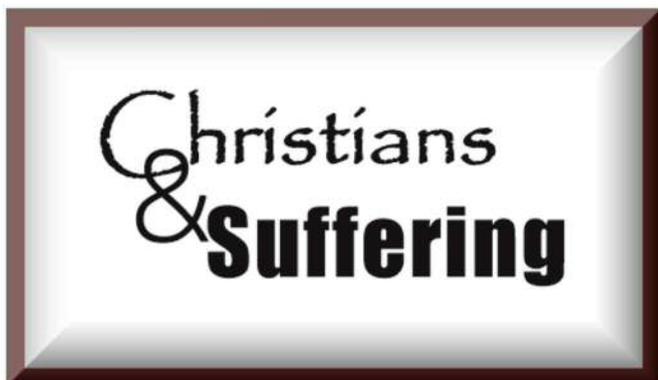
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Additional Verses and Bible Study

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"I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace.

You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."

Jesus, quoted in John 16:33

[Jesus:]

If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

JOHN 14:14

[Jesus:]

If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you.

JOHN 15:7

Is anyone among you **suffering**? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing praises. Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they should pray over him after anointing him with olive oil in the name of the Lord... The urgent request of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.

JAMES 5:13-14,16

The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from **trials** and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, especially those who follow the polluting desires of the flesh and despise authority.

2 PETER 2:9-10

Therefore, we ourselves boast about you among God's churches — about your endurance and faith in all the persecutions and afflictions you endure. It is a clear evidence of God's righteous judgment that you will be counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also are **suffering**, since it is righteous for God to repay with affliction those who **afflict** you and to reward with rest you who are afflicted, along with us. This will take place at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with His powerful angels, taking vengeance with flaming fire on those who don't know God and on those who don't obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:4-8

We have four different speakers/writers in today's study, all telling us interrelated things. It begins (and ends) with this: When we are troubled, in doubt, suffering, in pain – whatever it is that we need – pray in faith that it will be done, and it will be done.

Jesus the Messiah is quoted by His disciple John, with the same message, in different words, "**Ask in My name, and I will do it.**"

As if he were writing especially for this series of studies, James, the half-brother of Jesus, asks, "Is anyone among you suffering?" He wrote this, knowing the answer would be a resounding "yes." His recommended solution? Pray in the name of (by the authority of) the Lord.

And so, we pray. To what end?

Peter reminds us that the Lord "knows how to rescue the godly from trials" and to pull aside the unrighteous "under punishment until the day of judgment." He suggests that often times our trials are, in fact, caused by proximity to and interference from the wicked and the ungodly. When we pray the request, "Deliver us from evil," I get the sense that the verb was chosen very carefully. We should not only want to stop our own sinning (transgressing the Law), but in this part of Christ's model prayer, He tells us to ask God to totally segregate us ("deliver us") from evil – and, by extension, evil ones.

And finally, Paul tells the Thessalonians that the sufferings they are undergoing for the Kingdom of God are part of what will assure that they will be worthy of that goal. God sees. God knows. God will reward.

The message here is that God will deliver us from evil and suffering – and, Paul says, He will "repay with affliction those who afflict you." God has told us that He is best described this way: as showing faithful love, justice, and righteousness [Jeremiah 9:24] in all the world.

- He shows **love** and will allow us to suffer only as long as it accomplishes His will and what is best for us.
- He shows **righteousness** and will always choose and reward what is right over what is wrong – what is good and just over what is bad and unjust.
- And He shows **justice** in all the earth, and He will therefore execute that justice on all unrepentant evil ones. (Paul describes it as "taking vengeance with flaming fire on those who don't know God and on those who don't obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.")

All of the messages in today's study combine to give us profound truths about our own sufferings, and about the role of God in those afflictions, in our lives, and in our place in the Kingdom of God.

They are all connected – by prayer interwoven with faith.

USAGE OF THE NAME OF GOD IN THESE VERSES AND STUDIES

As I do in all my Daily and Additional Verses, whenever an OT passage contains the four-letter Name of God יהוה (transliteration: YHVH or YHWH), I change the translation from The LORD to Yahweh. (Yahweh seems to be the most common transliteration of the name, but I have recently come across some very persuasive arguments that the name was originally Yehovah.)

I don't make this change for reasons of doctrine (*or because I think my prayers won't be heard if I don't pronounce God's name correctly!*) – but simply because in the original Hebrew context, **the word is a proper name.** (See Exodus 3:15 below.)

And as such, I believe to read the text in a way that uses a proper name (and not a title, like Lord) conveys more accurate information. Paul told us that “All Scripture is inspired by God,” and so why wouldn't we want to read it the way He inspired it? While it is true that the correct pronunciation of YHWH has been lost, “Yahweh” is probably our era's most commonly used equivalent.

God also said to Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever; this is how I am to be remembered in every generation.”

Exodus 3:15

All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 (HCSB)

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