

Our Guarantee of Glory

Romans 8:18–25

Romans 8:18–25 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits 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 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

Introduction

Romans 8 is one of the most amazing and complete chapters in all the Bible of the security of the Believer.

It Begins with this great declarative statement,

Romans 8:1 (NKJV)

8 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,....

It then proceeds to assure us that the presence of the Spirit of God in our lives is evidence of our NO Condemnation status.

We have been delivered from the Power of the Flesh and given the Power of the Spirit to fulfill the law of God.

We are Assured of being the Children of God because of the presence of The Spirit of God.

His Presence is the absolute assurance of future Glory.

It speaks of the certainty of the this future in these terms

18 glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

21 creation itself also will be delivered

23 eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

24 For we were saved in this hope

we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

It assures us that no matter what may come, whether suffering, sin or evil,

All is being worked out by God for a purpose of future Glory

Romans 8:28–30 (NKJV)

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

It assures of that the Justice and Righteousness of God has been satisfied and that the Righteous Judge of Heaven Has declared us Righteous

Romans 8:31;33 (NKJV)

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?

³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies.

Then it concludes with the Eternal, unchanging, unfathomable Love of Christ.

Romans 8:35 (NKJV)

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or
 famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Romans 8:38–39 (NKJV)

³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor
 angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things
 present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth,
 nor any other created thing, shall be able to
 separate us from the love of God which is in Christ
 Jesus our Lord.

This Reminds me of John 10

John 10:27–30 (NKJV)

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and
 they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and
 they shall never perish; neither shall anyone
 snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who
 has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no
 one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's
 hand. ³⁰ I and My Father are one."

Also Peter 1

1 Peter 1:3–5 (NKJV)

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
 Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has

begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved (pf.p.pt) in heaven for you, ⁵ who are kept (pres.p.pt.) by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Review.

1. The Reality

Romans 8:14–17 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs —heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

1. The Reality

2. The Resource

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1. The Reality
2. The Resource

3. The Relationship

Romans 8:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Paul is fond of compounds of συν [*sun*], three in this verse (συνκληρονομοι, συνπασχωμεν, συνδοξασθωμεν [*sunklēronomoi, sunpaschōmen, sundoxasthōmen*]). The last (first aorist passive subjunctive of συνδοξαζω [*sundoxazō*] with ἵνα [*hina*] (purpose), late and rare, here only in N. T. Robertson, A. T. (1933). [*Word Pictures in the New Testament*](#) (Ro 8:17). Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.

1. The Reality
2. The Resource
3. The Relationship
4. The Reason

Romans 8:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

he Text is not saying that we are Heirs if we suffer, i.e. conditional. or a means of becoming an heir.

Rather it assumes that if you are a son and a child of God then you will suffer because of the family you are identified with.

1. The Reality
2. The Resource
3. The Relationship
4. The Reason

5. The Rational

Romans 8:17–18 (NKJV)

17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

v 17 if indeed we suffer with *Him*,

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time

What is the Suffering Paul is talking about.

Kinds of Suffering

1. Physical Suffering

Body= Health

sickness, i.e. cancer, tumors, heart disease, Diabetes, muscular Dystrophy. Arthritis, Migraines etc.

2. Mental Suffering

Anxiety, Phobias, Depression, Dementia, Alzheimers, Mental Disorders to Mental Retardation

3. Spiritual Suffering

Demonic, Satanic

Job

Job 1:1–3 (NKJV)

1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil. **2** And seven sons and three daughters were born to him. **3** Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

Job 1:5 (NKJV)

5 So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and

he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings *according to* the number of them all. For Job said, “It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.” Thus Job did regularly. Job 1:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

Job 1:7–12 (NKJV)

⁷ And the Lord said to Satan, “From where do you come?”

So Satan answered the Lord and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.”

⁸ Then the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?”

⁹ So Satan answered the Lord and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰ Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹ But now, stretch out Your

hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”

¹² And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has *is* in your power; only do not lay a hand on his *person*.”

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

Job 1:13–22 (NKJV)

¹³ Now there was a day when his sons and daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house; ¹⁴ and a messenger came to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵ when the Sabeans raided *them* and took them away—indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

¹⁶ While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

¹⁷ While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

¹⁸ While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, “Your sons and daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, ¹⁹ and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

²⁰ Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

²¹ And he said:

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb,
And naked shall I return there.
The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;
Blessed be the name of the Lord.”

²² In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

Paul

2 Corinthians 12:7–9 (NKJV)

⁷ And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to **buffet** me, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸ Concerning this thing I

pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹ And He said to me, “**My grace is sufficient for you,.....**

kolaphizó: to strike with the fist

Original Word: κολαφίζω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: kolaphizó

Phonetic Spelling: (kol-af-id'-zo)

Definition: to strike with the fist

Usage: I strike with the fist, buffet; hence: I mistreat violently.

Cognate: 2852 kolaphízō (from kolaphos **"a blow from the fist"**) – properly, to strike with the fist (literally "knuckles"); to hit hard "with the knuckles, to make the blow sting and crush . . . in 2 Cor 12:7 the idea is **striking with something sharp and painful, sticking deeply in the flesh so it remains there"** (R. Lenski).

Presence of Sin.

Romans 7:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.

Romans 7:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find.

Romans 7:23–24 (NKJV)

²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Persecution for Christ.

1 Timothy 4:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. ¹⁰ For to this *end* we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is *the* Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

2 Timothy 1:8 (NKJV)

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,

2 Timothy 2:8–9 (NKJV)

⁸ Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, *even* to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained.

2 Timothy 3:10–12 (NKJV)

¹⁰ But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra— what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

John 15:18–19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Matthew 5:10–11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

1 Peter 1:6–7 (NKJV)

⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

1 Peter 2:19–21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

²⁰ For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God. ²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

1 Peter 4:12–16 (NKJV)

¹² Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent

that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. ¹⁴ If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. ¹⁶ Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

Perseverance for Christ

2 Timothy 2:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹ *This is* a faithful saying:

For if we died with *Him*,
We shall also live with *Him*.

¹² If we endure,
We shall also reign with *Him*.
If we deny *Him*,
He also will deny us.

Matthew 24:13 (NKJV)

¹³ **But he who endures to the end shall be saved.**

Matthew 10:22 (NKJV)

²² **And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.**

Romans 2:7 (NKJV)

⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;

Hebrews 3:6 (NKJV)

⁶ but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are **not worthy** *to be compared* with the glory which **shall be** revealed in us.

I consider

logizomai: to reckon, to consider

Original Word: λογίζομαι

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: logizomai

Phonetic Spelling: (log-id'-zom-ahee)

Definition: to reckon, to consider

Usage: I reckon, count, charge with; reason, decide, conclude; think, suppose.

3049 λογίζομαι (the root of the English terms "logic, logical") – properly, compute, "take into account"; reckon (come to a "bottom-line"), i.e. reason to a logical conclusion (decision).

not worthy

axios: of weight, of worth, worthy

Original Word: ἄξιος, ἴα, ἰον

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: axios

Phonetic Spelling: (ax'-ee-os)

Definition: of weight, of worth, worthy

Usage: worthy, worthy of, deserving, comparable, suitable.

514 áksios (an adjective derived from aksō, "to weigh") – properly, to weigh in, assigning the

matching value ("worth-to-worth"); worthy, i.e. as the assessment in keeping with how something "weighs in" on God's balance-scale of truth.

514 /áksios ("weighed-in") "properly means, 'drawing down the scale' hence 'weighing as much as,' 'of like value, worth,' befitting, congruous, corresponding" (J. Thayer).

[514 (áksios) is the root of the English term, "axis." This also refers to a balance-scale, operating by off-setting weights.]

shall be

melló: to be about to

Original Word: μέλλω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: melló

Phonetic Spelling: (mel'-lo)

Definition: to be about to

Usage: I intend, am about to; I delay, linger.

3195 méllō – properly, at the very point of acting; ready, "about to happen." 3195 (méllō) is used "in general of what is sure to happen" (J. Thayer).

18 -For I consider that **the sufferings of this present time** are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

sufferings

pathéma: that which befalls one, i.e. a suffering, a passion

Original Word: πάθημα, ατος, τό

Part of Speech: Noun, Neuter

Transliteration: pathéma

Phonetic Spelling: (path'-ay-mah)

Definition: that which befalls one, a suffering, a passion

Usage: (a) suffering, affliction, (b) passion, emotion, (c) an undergoing, an enduring.

[**3804** /páthēma ("strong feeling") includes affliction (suffering), which should always (ideally) result in knowing God's glory – like going through difficulties (persecution, etc.) in faith. Note the -ma suffix, emphasizing the end-result (experiencing strong feeling).]

This word is used in Romans 7:5

Galatians 5:24

as passions

Hence the Passion of Christ

2 Corinthians 1:5–7 (NKJV)

⁵ For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. ⁶ Now if we are afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation,

which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation. ⁷ And our hope for you *is* steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also *you will partake* of the consolation.

Philippians 3:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Hebrews 2:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

1 Peter 5:8–10 (NKJV)

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by

your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*.

present time

kairos: time, season

Original Word: καιρός, οὐ, ὁ

Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine

Transliteration: kairos

Phonetic Spelling: (kahee-ros')

Definition: time, season

Usage: fitting season, season, opportunity, occasion, time.

What is clear is that this future glory is specifically tied to the suffering we experience Here.

Romans 8:17–18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Our ability to experience and express glory is dependent upon the extent and the the reaction we have to the suffering in this world

After Job's first rebuke by God to questions his purposes

Job 40:3–5 (NKJV)

³ Then Job answered the Lord and said:

⁴ “Behold, I am vile;
What shall I answer You?
I lay my hand over my mouth.

⁵ Once I have spoken, but I will not answer;
Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further.”

After Second Rebuke

Job 42:1–6 (NKJV)

42 Then Job answered the Lord and said:

² “I know that You can do everything,

And that no purpose *of Yours* can be withheld from You.

- ³ *You asked*, ‘Who *is* this who hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
- ⁴ Listen, please, and let me speak;
You said, ‘I will question you, and you shall answer Me.’
- ⁵ “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear,
But now my eye sees You.
- ⁶ Therefore I abhor *myself*,
And repent in dust and ashes.”

Paul

2 Corinthians 12:9–10 (NKJV)

- ⁹ And He said to me, “**My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.**”
Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses,

for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 4:16–18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

Hebrews 11:24–26 (NKJV)

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

Hebrews 11:32–12:2 (NKJV)

³² And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and

Jephthah, also *of* David and Samuel and the prophets: ³³ who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. ³⁵ Women received their dead raised to life again.

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in dens* and caves of the earth.

³⁹ And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, ⁴⁰ God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

12 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before

us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.