



“Even though Jesus was the Son of God, He learned obedience from the things He suffered.”
Hebrews 5:8

Sermon Notes

Introduction:

- ⇒ Two personal experiences of suffering
- ⇒ Two phrases to remember—“emotional atheism” and “Don’t suppress! Confess!”
- ⇒ Two questions to address—“Is God loving?” and “Is God All-powerful?”

Four Comments to Consider:

- ⇒ God loves us and gives us the gift of human freedom
 - ⇒ Genesis chapters 1-3, 6 John 10:10
 - ⇒ Three obstacles to God’s grace: Our Big Ego, the Devil, and the natural world
- ⇒ God loves us in spite of our rebellion
 - ⇒ Suffering is used by God to bring us closer to Himself ... C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain
 - ⇒ God prunes and fills-out our faith through suffering Hebrews 12:10-11
- ⇒ God is powerful and compensates us for our suffering
 - ⇒ Three examples—Joseph (Genesis 37:50), Job (Chapters 1-42), Paul (Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 4:17)
- ⇒ God is powerful and involved in our suffering
 - ⇒ Matthew 4, 26-27 John 16:33 Hebrews 5:8

Final Thought: Hold on! You’re not alone!

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