



Main Point: Show the glory of God through humble submission to unjust suffering

1. We are called to do good and suffer unjustly
2. We are empowered by grace to do good and suffer unjustly
3. We proclaim the Lord's excellencies when we do good and suffer unjustly

#1

“It was the burning conviction of these early Christians that, through their fellowship with Christ, they had entered into a relationship of brotherhood with one another in which ordinary social distinctions, real enough in the daily round of life in the world, had lost all meaning... They were not so much concerned with natural ethics as with the ethics of the redeemed community.”

J.N.D. Kelly

A Commentary on the Epistles of Peter and of Jude

#2

“Those who have accepted Christ as Savior are challenged to follow His example. His footsteps lead into the valley of humiliation, even to its lowest and darkest depths, but they also surely and confidently lead through the valley, ending at the throne of glory.”

Edmond Heibert

1 Peter

#3

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

#4

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

#5

James 3:2

For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.#6

#7

Acts 23:3

Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?”

#8

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

#9

“The Lord looked down with delight on February 22, 1807, when the House of Commons passed the decisive bill...God delighted most in the living power of holiness in the life of Wilberforce and Henry Thornton as they embraced one another and frolicked in the snow like schoolboys outside the chamber...John Wesley wrote to Wilberforce to strengthen his hand in God. He said, “Unless God has raised you up for this very thing, you will be worn out by the opposition of men and devils, but if God be for you who can be against you? Are all of them together stronger than God? Oh, be not weary in well-doing...My prayer is that the truth of God’s pleasure in public justice will inspire many in our day to take up the mantle of William Wilberforce and wear it into the battle against the manifold injustices of our day.”

John Piper
The Pleasures of God

#10

“It is most extraordinary when an innocent person accepts unjust suffering with patience and equanimity. But then Christians are expected to be extraordinary people.”

Robert Mounce