

Is God Good?
“The Value of Suffering”
2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (ESV)

- *A Closer Look at Suffering*

A. Our Text—2 Cor. 12:7-10

B. Some Considerations

1. Suffering Produces Qualities In Us That Would Otherwise Never Develop
2. Instead of Anger at Suffering, We Should be Angry at Sin
3. God Has Proven Himself to Us
4. Suffering Makes Us Think of the Eternal

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⁷So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.