

“The Theology of Suffering: The Sovereign God (7)”
(The book of Job; Romans 8:30-34)

Going Through Tough Times?
Where is God When We Need Him the Most?

Today’s Message: Perspective, Comfort and Encouragement...

- I. The Adversary and the Sovereign God in the Unseen Heavenly Scenes (Job 1:1-2:10)**
 - A. Heavenly Conflict Resulting in Earthly Sufferings (cf. Daniel 10)**
 - B. Suffering Believers are Assured of Support from their Heavenly Advocate – Jesus Christ (Romans 8:30-31, 33-34)**
 - II. Earthly Counsels that Turned into Heated Debates (Job 2:11-31:40)**
 - A. 3 Rounds of Debate as to the Cause for Job’s Suffering**
 - B. Job’s Defense and Plea for an Answer from God**
 - C. God’s Revelation to Job**
 - III. God Speaks (Job 34:1-42:17)**
 - A. God is Sovereign (Romans 9:21)**
 - B. God is Infinitely Wise and Supremely Loving (Romans 8:32)**

God’s Omnipotent Sovereignty, Infinite Wisdom and Supreme Love...
Foundational Perspective for Life and Suffering
 - IV. More Lessons: God is Sovereign, and All Things are Under His Control**
 - A. Suffering Moves One to Search Deeper for the Meaning of Life**

“The Chief End of Man is to Glorify God, and to Enjoy Him Forever”
– The Shorter Catechism in the Westminster Confession
 - B. Suffering Calls One to Respond to the Sovereign God in Faith**
 - C. God Purifies His People through Suffering, and Blesses them with a More Profound Understanding of Himself**
- Reflection: Through Suffering, we are brought to face our Limitations, and are urged to Trust the One who is Sovereign**
- Whatever Happens,**
May we Grow to be More Like Jesus Christ Starting in 2016!

“受苦神学：掌主权之神 (7)” (约伯记；罗马书 8:30-34)

你正在经历艰难的时期吗？

在我们最需要他的时候，神到底在那里？

今天的信息：调整观点，得到安慰和鼓励...

I. 肉眼见不到的天上景象：仇敌魔鬼和掌主权之神 (约伯记 1:1-2:10)

A. 天上的冲突造成地上的苦难 (参考：但以理书第十章)

B. 受苦的信徒有他们天上维护者 - 耶稣基督，支持的保证 (罗马书 8:30-31, 33-34)

II. 属世的安慰、辅导，演变成激烈的争辩 (约伯记 2:11-31:40)

A. 三回合的辩论：约伯为什么受苦

B. 约伯的辩护、以及求神的回应

C. 神向约伯的启示

III. 神说话 (约伯记 34:1-42:17)

A. 神掌有主权 (罗马书 9:21)

B. 神有无穷的智慧 and 超然的爱 (罗马书 8:32)

神的无限主权，无穷的智慧 and 超然的爱... 安稳度过人生和苦难的基本观点

IV. 约伯记的教训：神掌有主权，万事都在他的管制之下

A. 苦难指引人去深入寻求人生的意义

“人生的最高目标就是要荣耀神，并且要永远享受神” - 西敏寺宣言教义短讲

B. 苦难呼召人以信心去回应那位掌主权之神

C. 神借着苦难来洁净他的子民，并且要祝福他们、能够得到对神更深的认识

反思：藉著受苦，我们面对自己的限制，而被驱使去信靠那位掌权的主...

不论发生什么，但愿我们不断长进；从 2016 年开始，操练自己更像耶稣！