

SUFFERING...SOVEREIGNTY...FAITH

“Epilogue”

Job 42:7-17

I. The God of the Bible is a God of justice and mercy

II. God’s justice and mercy are revealed at the Cross

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.”

III. Restoration follows repentance

IV. God will bring justice either sooner, later, or in eternity

Hebrews 6:10, “For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.”

V. God uses suffering to produce endurance and character

Job 23:10, “But He knows the way that I take; when He has tried me, I shall come out as gold.”

James 5:11, “Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Romans 5:3-4, “...but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,”

VI. A vertical perspective will keep us from horizontal panic

- God's people do suffer
- God is in total control
- God gives us faith to hold on to Him in our uncertainties