



## **The Ark Montebello/On the Level Media**

### **God of All Comfort Series (2 Corinthians 1 *Part 2 of 2*)** **July 6, 2003**

#### **25 Reasons for Suffering**

1. To produce the fruit of patience (Romans 5:3)
2. To produce the fruit of joy (Psalm 30:5)
3. To produce maturity (Ecclesiastes 7:3; 1 Peter 5:10)
4. To produce the freight of righteousness (Hebrews 12:11)
5. To silence the devil (Job 1:9)
6. To teach us
7. To purify our life
8. To make us like Christ
9. To glorify God
10. To prevent us from sinning
11. To make us confess when we do sin
12. To chasten from our sin
13. To prove our sonship
14. To reveal ourselves to ourselves

15. To help our prayer life
16. To become an example to others
17. To qualify us as counselors (Romans 12:15)
18. To further the Gospel and be a witness
19. To make us more than conquerors
20. To give us insight into God's nature
21. To draw us closer to God
22. To prepare us for greater ministry
23. To prepare us for our reward
24. To prepare us for the Kingdom of God
25. To show God's sovereignty

## **13 Responses to Suffering**

1. Expect Suffering
2. Commit your soul to God at the very beginning of your suffering (1 Peter 4:19)
3. Don't try to understand all the reasons for your suffering (Romans 8:28)
4. Realize that others are suffering throughout the world
5. Pray while you are suffering (James 5:13; Psalm 50:15)
6. Don't despise your suffering
7. Don't lose heart because you are suffering
8. Patiently endure your suffering in a steadfast way (Romans 12:12; 2 Timothy 3)
9. Thank God for your sufferings
10. Rejoice because of your sufferings
11. Don't become a self-made martyr because of your sufferings
12. Don't suffer needlessly
13. Weigh your current suffering against the coming glory (Romans 8:18)