

## NO GOD, NO GOOD 3. NO HOPE

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<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Romans 8

## **#1. THE IMPLICATIONS**

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Romans 8

<sup>16</sup> And I saw something else under the sun:

in the place of judgment - wickedness was there,

in the place of justice - wickedness was there.

<sup>17</sup> I said to myself,

'God will bring into judgment

both the righteous and the wicked.

Ecclesiastes 3

<sup>20</sup> All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return. <sup>21</sup> Who knows if the human spirit rises upward and if the spirit of the animal goes down into the earth?" Ecclesiastes 3

## **#2. OUR INCLINATIONS**

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  Romans 8
- <sup>25</sup> I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
- <sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;
- <sup>27</sup> I myself will see him

with my own eyes - I, and not another.

How my heart yearns within me!

Job 19

## **#3. THE INSPIRATION**

<sup>18</sup>I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.... <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. 14 .... the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. 15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4 **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS** 1. Why is hope so crucial to us? Why is there no real hope without God? 2. What kind of earthly things have you pinned your hopes on? What are the limitations of such hope? 3. What trials or setbacks are you facing in life? How does the Bible's revelation of the future provide hope to wait confidently and patiently?