

Suffering: The experience of extraordinary physical and/or emotional distress due to the consequences of living in a fallen world including the consequences of one's disobedience to God.

Thesis: Suffering exists as a divine tool to ween us off of the lower pleasures of the world.

Suffering exists because there is greater glory to come.

Suffering exists because of the cosmic implications of the fall.

Suffering exists to lead us to Hope.

"For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast Till our faith is turned to sight When he comes at last"

- He Will Hold Me Fast by Keith and Kristyn Getty

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