

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 4/23/25

Whether young or old, self induced, or inflicted by others, daily pain is...annoying!

Our July 12, 2023 Bible Study asked if a loving God could allow pain.

But let's dive deeper...did God have a purpose for pain from the Beginning?



Purpose in Pain?



Psalms 139:1-5 NLT [God is omniscient.]

"O Lord, you have **examined** my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my **thoughts** even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even **before** I say it, Lord. You go before me and follow me. You place Your hand of blessing on my head."

Isaiah 46:10 VOICE [God can clearly see the future.]

"From the **Beginning** I declare how things will end; from times long past, I tell what is yet to be, saying: 'My intentions WILL come to pass. I WILL make things happen as I **determine** they should.'"

Nahum 1:7, 2 CSB [A God of love, AND a God of wrath.]

"The Lord is good, a stronghold in a day of **distress**; He cares for those who take refuge in Him....The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; the Lord takes vengeance and is fierce in **wrath**. The Lord takes vengeance against His foes; He is furious with His **enemies**."

FROM Habakkuk 1:13 GNT [God cannot tolerate evil.]

"Your eyes are too **holy** to look at evil, and You cannot stand the sight of people doing wrong."

Genesis 3:17,21 ERV [Wages of sin – death. BUT God did not kill right away.....GRACE.]

"Then God said to the man, 'I **commanded** you not to eat from that tree. But you listened to your wife and ate from it. So I will **curse** the ground because of you. You will have to work hard all your life for the food the ground produces.'The Lord God used **animal skins** and made some clothes for the man and his wife. Then He put the clothes on them."

Matthew 10:17-18, 28 LSB [You WILL experience tribulation and pain.]

"But beware of men, for they will deliver you over to the courts and **flog** you in their synagogues; and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a **testimony** to them and to the Gentiles....And do not **fear** those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather **fear** Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

Psalms 86:9 ESV [The koinonia purpose]

"All the nations You have **made** shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall **glorify** Your name."

Romans 1:18-19 TLB [God reveals Himself in many ways.]

"But God shows His **anger** from heaven against all sinful, evil men who push away the truth from them. For the truth about God is known to them **instinctively**; God has put this knowledge in their **hearts**."

1 Peter 4:12-13 NLT+ [Trials WILL happen.]

"Dear friends, again, do NOT be surprised at the fiery **trials** you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead, as I told you earlier, be very GLAD—for these **trials** make you **partners** with Christ in His suffering, so that you will have, then, the wonderful joy of SEEING His **glory** when it is revealed to ALL the world."

1 Peter 4:1 NLT [Pain helps us fight sin and temptation.]

"Since Christ suffered and underwent **pain**, you MUST have the SAME **attitude** that HE did; you MUST be ready to suffer, too. For remember, when your **body** suffers, sin loses its power...."