

WHY SUFFERING?

(A Three Part Exploration of the Causes and Consequences of Tribulation)

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Psalm 22:1a

“My God my God why have you forsaken me,” (KJV, slightly amended)

Thought Starter

“Suffering can either make us better or bitter.”

Author's Note

‘Why Suffering’ was first drafted in 1986 with subsequent corrections in late 2004 and during the course of 2005. The material here originally formed the opening chapters of a larger work entitled *‘Coming Fires’* which explored the role of tribulation in the Christian life. It was placed on my first theological web site in April 2003. The meditations forming the prologue of each part were first inserted in July 2009 as this material was being prepared for my second theological web site. A few minor modifications also occurred at that time.

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