

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY – JULY 18, 2010
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TITLE: “Why Do Good People Suffer?”

TEXT: Romans 8:18; I Peter 2:20-21; 4:12-13; 5:10

INTRODUCTION: The problem of suffering by good people is as old as the Book of Job. All 42 chapters deal with the problem. Hebrews 11 contains a list of those who “Had trials of cruel mocking and scourging, yes, moreover of bonds and imprisonment.”

I: SUFFERING IS NOT AN ILLUSION

II: SUFFERING IS NOT NECESSARILY CAUSED BY THE SINS OF THE SUFFERER

III: IT IS A MISTAKE TO BLAME SUFFERING ON GOD

1. Good people suffer when they break the laws of God
2. Good people suffer because of the interdependence of the human race
3. Good people suffer because God created an orderly world of cause and effect
4. Suffering is a part of life

CONCLUSION: “I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining,
I believe in love, even when I do not have it.
I believe in God, even when He is silent.”

I Peter 5:10 – “And after you have suffered for a little, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal Glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.”