

Creation Groans

Romans 8:19-22

Romans 8:18-20 NKJV

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

Romans 8:21-22 NKJV

21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

1. **Sin** - Romans 1:1 - 3:20
(Genesis)
2. **Salvation** - Romans 3:21 - 5:21
(Exodus)
3. **Sanctification** - Romans 6 - 8
(Leviticus)
4. **Sovereignty** - Romans 9 - 11
(Numbers)
5. **Service** - Romans 12 - 16
(Deuteronomy)

Reasons

1. Sin, Fallen World, & Enemy (Gen 3, Eph 2:2, 6:12)
2. Gospel on display (2 Cor 4)
3. Repentance, Refining, & Strengthening (2Cor 7:10, James 1, 1st Pet 1)

Responses

Upward to God - 1Pe 4:12, 13, Jas 1:2

Outward to others - Php 1:28, 1Pe
3:14, 15, 16, Mt 5:44, 45, Ro 12:14-21

Results

1. God is glorified
2. Believers are purified
3. Lost may be justified

Suffer Groan Glory

3 Groanings:

1. Creation (22)
2. Our Spirit (23)
3. The Holy Spirit (26)

Romans 1:20-22 NKJV -

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:23-25 NKJV -

...and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—
...who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 1:26-28 NKJV -

26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. ...

...they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

Creation longing for redemption

Back to Eden - Forward to the New

Animals at peace, no hurting or destruction -

Isaiah **11:6-9**

NLT: For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.

Phillips: The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own.

Eagerly waits for freedom (anxious longing)

Genesis 4:10 - The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

Psalm 96:12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.

Psalm 98:8-9 - Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD, For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

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Isaiah 55:12-13 NKJV - "For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the LORD for a name, For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

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Luke 19:40 NKJV - But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

Thermodynamics “Bondage of Corruption”

1st Law:

Conservation of Matter/Energy: You can't win.

2nd Law:

Entropy—The Bondage of Decay: You can't even break even.

3rd Law:

Everything has positive finite entropy: You can't get out of the game.

-Misler

Revelation 5:9-14

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." -John 16:33 NKJV

