

Sovereignty of God Tsunami

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??????WHERE IS GOD??????



In Romans 8:18-27, Paul talks of 3
cosmic groans that help us in times
of greatest need

■ I. Groan #1—Groan of creation— 8:18-22—"It hurts"

- Vs. 18 is overarching statement –compare
now to later
- Vs. 19-22—creation is not happy

APPLICATION

- 1. Pain and suffering is real
 - Natural or unnatural disasters
 - Pain from evil plans of evil people
 - Results of our own sin
- 2. It is real because of sin in the world
- 3. Expect Tsunami's, floods, ice storms,
hurricanes, sick babies, murders, strokes, etc
- 4. There is a better day coming—God is working
his plan to fix the earth

II. Groan of redeemed humanity— 8:23-25—"How long?"

- 4 emphatic statements of the human cry—
vs.23
- 3 tasks for the redeemed
 - Hope
 - Persevere
 - Wait—vs. 25

- P.731 The resurrection is (not) affirmed
simply as an example of a supernatural
'happy ending ' which guarantees post-
mortem bliss". The resurrection constitutes
Jesus as the world's true sovereign, the 'son
of God" who claims absolute allegiance from
everyone and everything within creation."

Application

- 1. Practice the groan of the redeemed
 - Hope—attitude
 - Perseverance—Do not give up
 - Wait—Let God be God—TRUST
- 2. The groan of the unbeliever is not mentioned—NO HOPE—This is all there is

III. Groan of the Holy Spirit—8:26-27—"I will help"

- "Most agnostics would probably say that they do not know who God might be, but they do know what he ought to be doing. As is often remarked, many people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity. They know **what to pray for—BUT not whom** to pray to.

- "But what Paul says is that we do not know what to pray for; and, strangely, in that agnosticism we actually discover who God is. We are called to be the people who know **whom to pray to**, but not , or not necessarily, **what to pray for**.

Conclusion

- Listen to the groans:
 - Creation—It hurts
 - Believers—How long
 - Holy Spirit—I can help
- Also know that God is fixing it—get your vision adjusted to see the comparison of this present suffering with future glory.