



TOWARDS A THEOLOGY OF SUFFERING AND LOSS: ROMANS 8:18-39

Introduction: Romans 8:18 and 8:29

1. My Story about Suffering and Loss

2. Our Story of Suffering: *Why* Suffering Exists and *What* God will do about it: God's *Future* Perspectives

Key Text: 8:18

| Present Sufferings | Future Glory |
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| Summary: Are we in a Hospital or a Hotel? | Summary |

3. Our Story of Suffering: God's *Present* Answers and Interventions

| Suffering and Loss Never Means | Because of these Interventions by God |
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Conclusion: The Three Groanings of Cosmic Childbirth

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