

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE  
*A Promise to Rest in, Even When You Can't See It*  
**Romans 8:28-30**

**1. A quick review on suffering**

Origins of suffering in man's sin & God's holy justice

Last week: Christ's sufferings completely change the meaning of

Suffering for those He saves –

An appeal to any who are not believers.

**2. A great promise from God, Romans 8:28**

**a. “God causes all things to work together ....”**

God is truly sovereign – a great comfort to believers.

**b. God's purposes:**

Romans 11:36 – His glory in all things

Romans 8:28 – the good of His redeemed people

**c. But what if we cannot see God's good purpose in our suffering?**

*Trust* God to be God, and your loving Father.

Do not rob yourself of peace and joy.

**d. Consider Job – by way of illustration**

**e. “ ... for our good”**

What is “the good”? 8:29,30 tell us:

- To be glorified with Christ, vs.30, see vs.17, Phi. 3:20,21

- To be conformed to image of God's Son, vs.29

Glory is future – when Christ comes again.

But in this life, God uses suffering in our lives

to make us more like Jesus,

How this works is the subject of future sermons.

The central point this morning:

Trust God's promise, rest in the Father's purposes of love,  
especially when you can't yet see them working out.