



PSALMS *of*
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*Persevering Through
Pain & Persecution*

Psalm 129

1. God will enable you to persevere through the pain.

Principles to remember in the face of suffering and persecution ...

A. You can suffer pain without suffering defeat.

“Whereas most nations tend to look back on what they have achieved, Israel reflects here on what she has survived.”

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2 Corinthians 4:8-9

**“We are troubled on every side,
yet not distressed; we are
perplexed, but not in despair; 9
Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast
down, but not destroyed;”**

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- B. God sets limits for your suffering.**

1 Corinthians 10:13

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

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- C. In Christ, your victory is assured.**

Jeremiah 1:19

**“And they shall fight against thee;
but they shall not prevail against
thee; for I am with thee, saith the
LORD, to deliver thee.”**

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- 1. God will enable you to persevere through the pain.**
- 2. God will hear you as you pray through the pain.**

A. Pray for persecutors to be turned back in shame.

Psalm 35:4

“Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.”

Genesis 12:3

“And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”

- A. Pray for persecutors to be turned back in shame.**
- B. Pray for the wicked to be stopped in their tracks.**

Psalm 92:7

“When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:”

- A. Pray for persecutors to be turned back in shame.**
- B. Pray for the wicked to be stopped in their tracks.**
- C. Pray for discernment in recognizing evil.**

Matthew 5:44

“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.”