



Words of Grace for Troubled Times

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➤ **One Main Point:** Because God stands with the righteous, Christians can endure suffering without fear, while boldly defending the hope that grounds their holiness.

➤ **Suffering for the Sake of Righteousness**

➤ When and What?

- Then/now

➤ How?

- Fearing God alone

- Defending hope

 - Gentleness and *fear* (Gr. *phobou*)

 - A clear conscience

➤ Why?

- Shaming the revilers

 - Then/now

- A higher road



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- Suffering for the sake of *not*-righteousness
 - Fearing man in “respectable” ways
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