

A person with long brown hair, wearing a teal hooded coat, stands with their back to the camera in a forest. The forest floor is covered in green grass and fallen leaves. Tall, thin trees are visible in the background. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

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LESSON 6

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WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW BEING "HEIRS"? - Romans 8:17-18 **Lesson 6**

AS GOD'S CHILDREN, WE HAVE AN INHERITANCE.

*Romans 8:17 introduces us to two important Biblical ideas:
suffering and glory, "...the hurts and hallelujahs."*

Ray Stedman

A. God's children have a future inheritance.

1. An eternal **home**
2. An eternal **fellowship**
3. An eternal **occupation**
4. An eternal **image**

B. God's children have a present inheritance.

1. God **Himself** is our inheritance.
2. The **promise** of the **future** to look forward to

AS GOD’S CHILDREN, WE WILL HAVE DIFFICULTIES.

“There is no victory without a fight, and there is no battle without wounds.”

Alan Redpath

- A. Difficulties due to a **fallen** world
- B. Difficulties due to **loving discipline**
- C. Difficulties because we **live** for and **speak** of the Lord

“This is not a game.”

Robey Barnes

AS GOD’S CHILDREN, WE WILL SHARE GLORY.

“We are to shine as the sun, we are given to the Morning Star...to be united with the beauty we see, to pass into it, to receive it unto ourselves, to bathe in it, to become part of it.”

C. S. Lewis

- A. How do we **define** “glory”?
- B. How are we **encouraged** by “glory”?
 - 1. We can be encouraged by the **weightiness** of glory.
 - 2. We can be encouraged by our **focus** on glory.
 - 3. We can be encouraged by the **imminence** of glory.

“Paul is saying: If you know where you are heading in the future, you won’t even entertain the idea that your current problems and pain aren’t worth it.”

Tim Keller

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON 7

“Despite the terrible curse...on the earth, God’s majesty and gracious provision for mankind is still evident wherever one looks. It is for that reason that no person has an excuse for not believing in God.”

John MacArthur

Day 1

Read Romans 8:19-21 and answer:

- 1. Summarize what the Apostle Paul is saying.

- 2. How does our culture view nature? When we look at God’s majestic creation all around us, why do you think some people still do not believe in God?

- 3. According to Genesis 1:29-31, what was God’s opinion of His handiwork? How should we view creation? See also Genesis 2:15.

Day 2

- 4. What do you think is the difference between valuing nature and worshipping nature?

- 5. According to Romans 8:20, what is nature “feeling”? Whose fault is it that nature is in “bondage to decay”? See Genesis 3:17-18.

6. According to Romans 8:21, what is nature waiting for? When will the children of God experience “freedom and glory”? See Colossians 3:4; Matthew 13:43; and 1 John 3:2.

Day 3

7. In Genesis 3:15b, God promised that Jesus would someday come to “crush” the enemy who has caused such difficulty to humans as well as nature. See John 16:33; John 17:1-4; John 19:30 and describe how Jesus fulfilled God’s promise.

8. According to Isaiah 65:17 and Revelation 21:1, what has God promised to do? How do you think these verses relate to Romans 8:21?

Day 4

9. Read Isaiah 11:6-9 and describe what God is going to do in the future.

10 How should God’s future plans make a difference in how I view today and respond to difficulties that come my way as a result of living in a world “in bondage to decay”?

11. In light of all of this, what is the significance of Revelation 22:20?

Day 5

12. What new truth did you learn regarding who God is and what He desires to do in your life?

13. How has what you have studied this week helped you to feel more *Empowered and Secure*?

OPTIONAL:

Read Genesis 1:11-13; 20-25; and 2:8-15. Describe the garden that God created. What do you think we and nature can look forward to? How can this make a difference in our lives today?

OPTIONAL CHALLENGE: Memorize Romans 8:19.