

Worship Service

November 12th, 2017

9:30 am	Welcome & Opening Prayers
10:00 am	Sunday school: Divine Ownership (Special Study)
10:40 am	Praises & Worship
10:55 am	Congregational Hymns
11:00 am	Today's Message Pain and Suffering – A Christian Response
11:45 am	Offering - Ushers <i>Offering Hymn</i>
12:00 pm	Closing Prayers & Benediction

November Birthdays

Sister Owusu	Nov 15 th
Brother James	Nov 19 th
Sister Stella	Nov 29 th
Sister Josephine	Nov 29 th

Message: Pain and Suffering – A Christian Response

Open doors says that 322 Christians are killed for their faith every month, 214 churches and Christian properties are destroyed every month, 772 forms of violence are committed against Christians every month; these include beating, abductions, rapes, arrests, and forced marriages. Statistics show that 91% of pastors have experienced some form of burnout in ministry and 18% say they are “fried to a crisp right now.” When we look beyond Christian circles we encounter economic crisis around the world, poverty and hunger is literary killing thousands around the globe. Think about the mass shootings we have recorded in America this year; don’t forget “First Baptist Church.” The simple cry of many is: This does not make sense, does God care? Why is He presiding over/allowing evil?

- Is God causing the evil we see/ is He allowing it?
- What the Psalmist teaches about pain and suffering: Psalm 77
- The Example of Jesus – our suffering savior
- The Sovereignty of God: Isaiah 46
- Will we triumph over evil: Genesis 1 compared to Jeremiah 4:23-26

I do not seek to answer all questions in this sermon. The truth is, I do not have all the answers – you know what, I am happy to wait until I stand before my maker. What I hope to leave with you is this: The Lord will surely answer all our questions when we are in His presence; we will know better - we will understand all. My prayer for you is that you will be able to say: Lord, I submit to your sovereign will – have Your way, Sir!