

**Hope**

**Why?**

**Suffering can draw people to God**

**We have an enemy**

**God is glorified through the faith of  
his people**

**Sin brings suffering**

**Mystery**

# **The final answer: The Gospel**

**“In the past God spoke through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken through his Son.”**

**Hebrews 1:1**

**Two choices:**

**1. Suffer**

**2. Suffer**

# **Two choices:**

- 1. Suffer without hope**
- 2. Suffer with hope**

**Hope**

**“My ears had heard of you but now  
my eyes have seen you.”**

**Job 42:5**

**“Does Job fear you for no reason?”**

**Job 1:9**

*“Will humans continue in a relationship with God when all they gain from the relationship is God?”*

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**“I know that you can do all things;  
no plan of yours can be thwarted.”**

**Job 42:2**

**You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my  
counsel without knowledge?’ Surely I  
spoke of things I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me to know.  
“You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I  
will question you, and you shall answer  
me.’**

**Job 42:3-4**

**“My ears had heard of you but now  
my eyes have seen you.”**

**Job 42:5**

**“Therefore I despise myself and  
repent in dust and ashes.”**

**Job 42:6**

**“Lord, the one you love is sick.”**

**John 11:3**

**“I am the resurrection and the life.  
He who believes in me will live,  
even though he dies; and whoever  
lives and believes in me will never  
die.”**

**John 11:15**

**“My ears had heard of you, but now  
my eyes have seen you.”**

## Denial

**“It won’t, it can’t happen to me.”**

## Avoidance

**“I refuse to think about it.”**

## Stoicism

**“I refuse to care so I cannot be hurt.”**

## Wisdom

**“Teach us to number our days aright so we will gain a heart of wisdom”**

**Psalm 90:12**

**“Against all hope, Abraham in hope  
believed.”**

**Romans 4:18**

**“We have this hope as an anchor for  
our souls, firm and secure.”**

**Hebrews 6:19**