

The Groaning of the Life in the Spirit

Romans 8:18-27

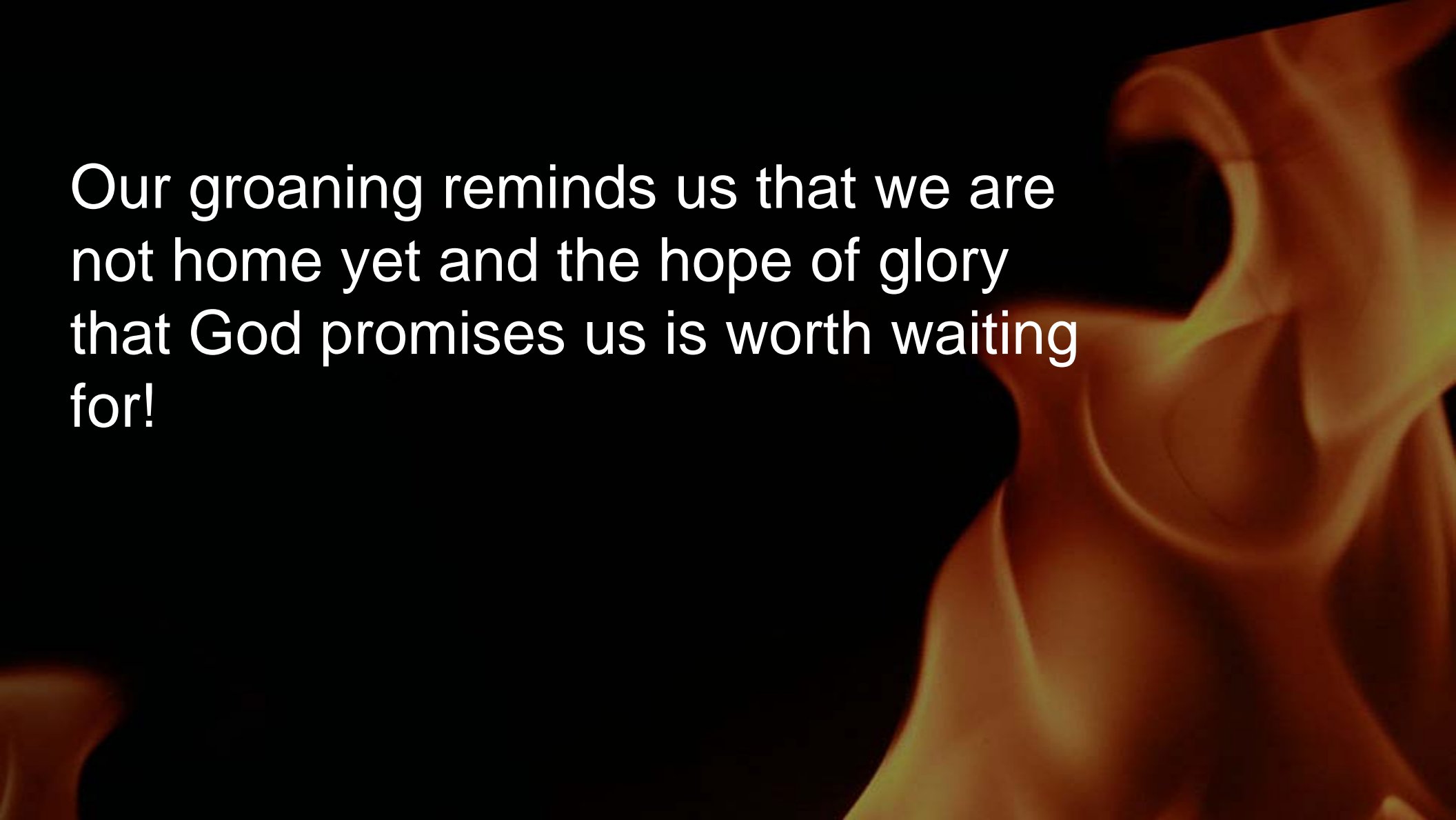
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¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.



Our groaning reminds us that we are not home yet and the hope of glory that God promises us is worth waiting for!

How is this groaning expressed in this life?

1. The Groaning of Creation.
2. The Groaning of the Christian.
3. The Groaning of the Spirit.



Genesis 1:29&30

²⁹ Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

Creation's Frustrations Expressed Through.

- Childbirth
- Poisonous Creatures
- Sickness
- Disease
- Famine
- Earthquakes
- Tsunamis
- Wars
- Etc.

2 Corinthians 5:1-5

Now we know if this earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, 3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. 4 For while we are in this tent we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed, but clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now it is God who made us for this very purpose and has given us his Spirit as a deposit guaranteeing what is to come.

1 Corinthians 2:9&10

9 No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.

10 But God has revealed it to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches out all things, even the deep things of God.

The Holy Spirit –(paraclete) our helper

- The Spirit assists us in our prayer.
- The Spirit goes before God on our behalf with groans that only God can understand.



Colossians 1:27

To them, God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is **Christ** in you the **Hope** of glory

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