

GOD AND HUMAN SUFFERING

CLASS NOTES

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OUTLINE OF TOPICS

I. A Definition of Human Suffering

- A. Scriptural instances of human suffering**
- B. A proposed definition of human suffering**

II. The Scope of Human Suffering

- A. Images of Human Suffering**
- B. Categories of Causes or Occasions of Suffering**
- C. The Tenure of Human Suffering**

III. The Root Causes of Human Suffering

- A. Unbiblical Views of the Root Causes of Human Suffering**
- B. A Biblical view of the Root Causes of Human Suffering**

IV. God's Role in Human Suffering

- A. Scriptures that Appear to Make God the Author of Human Suffering**
- B. God's Relationship to Human Suffering**

V. A Biblical Attitude toward Responsibility for Human Suffering

VI. God's Gracious Prevention and Alleviation of Some Suffering