

Love, Hope, and Delivery

the God embrace

Lie: God does not love me.

Based in:

- Life is really hard.
- Life shouldn't be this hard.
- Life being this hard indicates that something is wrong.

Two starkly different views:

Prosperity gospel

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We want the view that offers hope.

We are less concerned about which view is true.

The second view offers truth AND hope!

Romans 8:18-23 Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will give us later. ¹⁹ For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. ²⁰ Against its will, everything on earth was subjected to God's curse. ²¹ All creation anticipates the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.

²² For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

²³ And even we Christians, although we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, also groan to be released from pain and suffering. We, too, wait anxiously for that day when God will give us our full rights as his children, including the new bodies he has promised us. NLT

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. NLT

Romanos 8:18-23 De hecho, considero que en nada se comparan los sufrimientos actuales con la gloria que habrá de revelarse en nosotros. ¹⁹ La creación aguarda con ansiedad la revelación de los hijos de Dios, ²⁰ porque fue sometida a la frustración. Esto no sucedió por su propia voluntad, sino por la del que así lo dispuso. Pero queda la firme esperanza ²¹ de que la creación misma ha de ser liberada de la corrupción que la esclaviza, para así alcanzar la gloriosa libertad de los hijos de Dios.

²² Sabemos que toda la creación todavía gime a una, como si tuviera dolores de parto. ²³ Y no solo ella, sino también nosotros mismos, que tenemos las primicias del Espíritu, gemimos interiormente, mientras aguardamos nuestra adopción como hijos, es decir, la redención de nuestro cuerpo. NVI

Romanos 8:28 Ahora bien, sabemos que Dios dispone todas las cosas para el bien de quienes lo aman, los que han sido llamados de acuerdo con su propósito. NVI

God loves you.

Romans 8:35-39 Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or are hungry or cold or in danger or threatened with death? ³⁶(Even the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") ³⁷No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. ³⁹ Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. NLT

Romanos 8:35-39 ¿Quién nos apartará del amor de Cristo? ¿La tribulación, o la angustia, la persecución, el hambre, la indigencia, el peligro, o la violencia?

³⁶ Así está escrito:

«Por tu causa siempre nos llevan a la muerte;
¡nos tratan como a ovejas para el matadero!»

³⁷ Sin embargo, en todo esto somos más que vencedores por medio de aquel que nos amó. ³⁸ Pues estoy convencido de que ni la muerte ni la vida, ni los ángeles ni los demonios, ni lo presente ni lo por venir, ni los poderes, ³⁹ ni lo alto ni lo profundo, ni cosa alguna en toda la creación podrá apartarnos del amor que Dios nos ha manifestado en Cristo Jesús nuestro Señor. NVI

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- Based in:
 - Life is really hard.
 - Life should be this hard.
 - Life being this hard indicates that our hope cannot be in this life.
 - God's love is not demonstrated in the ease and comfort of life
 - I must combat the lie with the truth:
God does love me!