



THE BOOK OF

ROMANS

7 aspects - Ch 8

1. 1-11 - Power of HS/'in Jesus'
2. 12-17 - Spirit of Abba/'heirs' obligation
3. 18-20 - Suffering not worthy of comparison
4. 21-25 - Power of Creation - hope
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7. 31-39 - God's power, authority

THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION

ABBBA

ROMANS 8:15

FATHER



What is an heir?

- If children the heirs... joint heirs
 - One who receives, given allotment
 - 'our Father' does not die! We still inherit!
 - To inherit 'with/in' Him – daily 'mana'
 - Think about Jesus and Father... Jn 17
 - If we suffer??? Why???
 - Groaning turns to Love & 'home'!

#3 – Comparison: 18-20

- But what about our “praaa-blems”???
- Why do these come? Ps 119:67
- Plan of discipline: Rom 5, Heb 12
- Reckon – do the ‘math’ here!
- What have you received? And then...




NOT worthy :

- “heavy enough to make a difference in the balance”

I reckon

- Paul has done the calculations:
 - Based on his own life's experiences
 - 2Cor 4:7; 6:4-9; 11:23-30
- What makes the difference?
 - Eternal weight of GLORY!
 - This is our inheritance, now and then!



Romans 8:19-22

CREATION GROANS

#4 Anxious Creation

- All of this existence:
 - Has suffered under 'sinners' ~ futility
 - 'anxious longing' ~ upstretched head!
 - Reflection of God's yearning for us
 - Revealing ~ *apokalupsis*, uncovering
 - Of the adopted sons

Creation's struggle

- All was created before we were...
- It was all good... but when we sinned...
 - Gen 3:17-19 – thorns, thistles, dust
- subjected – *hupotasso* 'put under order'
 - The reign of death – leaves, decay, lava!
 - Not the intention of creation – Gen 2

Godet:

"Everywhere," says M. Reuss, "our eyes meet images of death and decay; the scourge of barrenness, the fury of the elements, the destructive instincts of beasts, the very laws which govern vegetation, everything gives nature a somber hue" ... This reign of death which prevails over all that is born cannot be the normal state of a world created by God. Nature suffers from a curse which it cannot have brought upon itself, as it is not morally free.

Not its own will?

- Creation had God's blessing on it
- It did as it was told!
- Now it suffers under sinners...
 - 'slavery to corruption' (21)
 - But, waiting in hope... *elpis*
 - So what is hope?