

## Does Hell Await Those Who Have Already Lived Through It?

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*Although my father and my mother have forsaken me, yet the Lord will take me up [adopt me as His child].*

*(Psalm 27:10 - AMP)*



### SERIAL KILLER AILEEN WUORNOS

Is she a victim, victimizer or both? She was abandoned by her mother. Her father was a convicted child molester. Aileen's grandfather raped and beat her as a child; and her grandmother was an alcoholic. By the age of 14 she became pregnant (allegedly by her brother). She claimed that one of her victims raped her, and she killed him in self defense.

Children who grow up in abusive homes learn to numb the pain, and certain events can trigger past abuse. In the case of Aileen, she has a history of abuse. While some people can grow up in an abusive home and walk away with little damage, it is troubling that many do not recover and live devastating lives. Aileen would turn to a life of prostitution and violence. She became a product of her environment. Can someone truly heal after such abuse? If Aileen had grown up in a loving home, free from violence and sexual abuse as a child would her character and nature have been different?

How many in the world today are changed in one way or another by the actions of others? The result of one act of unrighteousness has a ripple effect starting in the Garden of Eden. How will this be rectified? Injustice has impacted everyone in the world for thousands of years! Aileen suffered injustice as a child and her victims suffer injustice. Innocent people suffer by no fault of their own. The action of others impacts us all, and we have no control over what transpires to shape us into less than perfect people.

*"All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord has made to light upon Him the guilt and iniquity of us all. "*

~Isaiah 53:6 (AMP)

When God allows for sin to run rampant in the world today and a person is born into a severely depraved home, how can they cure themselves? It is like expecting a child with cancer to cure the disease on their own. If Christ came to free the captives and bring victory to a lost world, are we literally responsible for the cure to our own disease? Many minds are simply not capable or equipped with making a willful decision. And for arguments sake, we can also conclude that even those who lived in a perfect world (like Adam and Eve) still make wrong choices. Has God left all responsibility to human beings? We have a history of making the wrong decisions, and if our perfect parents (Adam and Eve) cannot, how can we?

*To Him who [earnestly] remembered us in our low estate and imprinted us [on His heart], for His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever.*

*~Psalms 136:23 (AMP)*

**Prayer:** Father God, Thank you for loving us unconditionally, help us to understand and comprehend just how far, how wide and deep your love really is, help us to truly grasp that we cannot earn your love by what we do 'right' or lose it by what we do 'wrong'. We have the amazing free gift of Grace, Grace that never ceases. Not by works, so no man can boast. Nothing we can do achieves unconditional love. You alone have defeated sin and death. Let this sink in, let this guide us daily and keep us from judging anyone, How great it will be the day we honor and praise you for the work you have finished. The final outcome is victory for everyone. The cross was a success, not a failure. Sin and death have no victory. The final say is not wickedness suffering in their low estate, but of restoration to peace and wholeness. For thy loving-kindness endure forever. Amen.

**Verse:** Romans 8:38-39 *"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither the lower ranks of evil angels nor the higher, neither things present nor things future, nor the forces of nature, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

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