

Why Does God Allow Pain And Suffering?

1 Corinthians 13:12, Job 1:20

Explore God, Pt. 3

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1 Corinthians 13:12, *For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully...*

Job 1:20, *At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹and said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.” ²²In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.*

Common Questions Related To Pain And Suffering:

➤ **Why Did God Create A World With All This Evil?**

HE DIDN'T

Genesis 1:7, *...it was good... ⁹...it was good... ¹⁰...it was good... ¹²...it was good... ¹⁸it was good... ²¹it was good... ²⁵... it was good... ³¹...it was very good...*

Genesis 2:15, *The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”*

Genesis 4:6, *Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” ⁸Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.*

➤ **Why Doesn’t God Get Rid Of All This Evil? HE WILL**

Revelation 21:3, *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He*

will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

➤ **Why Does God Allow All This Evil To Continue?**

HE'S SPEAKING

- **God Uses All This Evil To Accomplish GOOD**

Romans 8:28, *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.*

Genesis 50:20, *"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."*

- **He's Inviting Sinners To REPENTANCE**

2 Peter 3:9, *The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not*

wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

- **God's Reminding Us That Our Suffering Pales In Comparison To His FUTURE GLORY**

Romans 8:18, *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*

1 Corinthians 2:9, *"...no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him..."*

➤ **What Does God Want Me To Do With My Pain? USE IT AS A SPRINGBOARD TO HELP OTHERS**

2 Corinthians 1:3, *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.*

Take Away:

1. Comfort someone this week who is struggling or hurting.
2. If you are a survivor of cancer or currently going through cancer, please join us for our Celebrate Survival Luncheon with the Cancer Ministry after the 11:00a service in the Atrium.