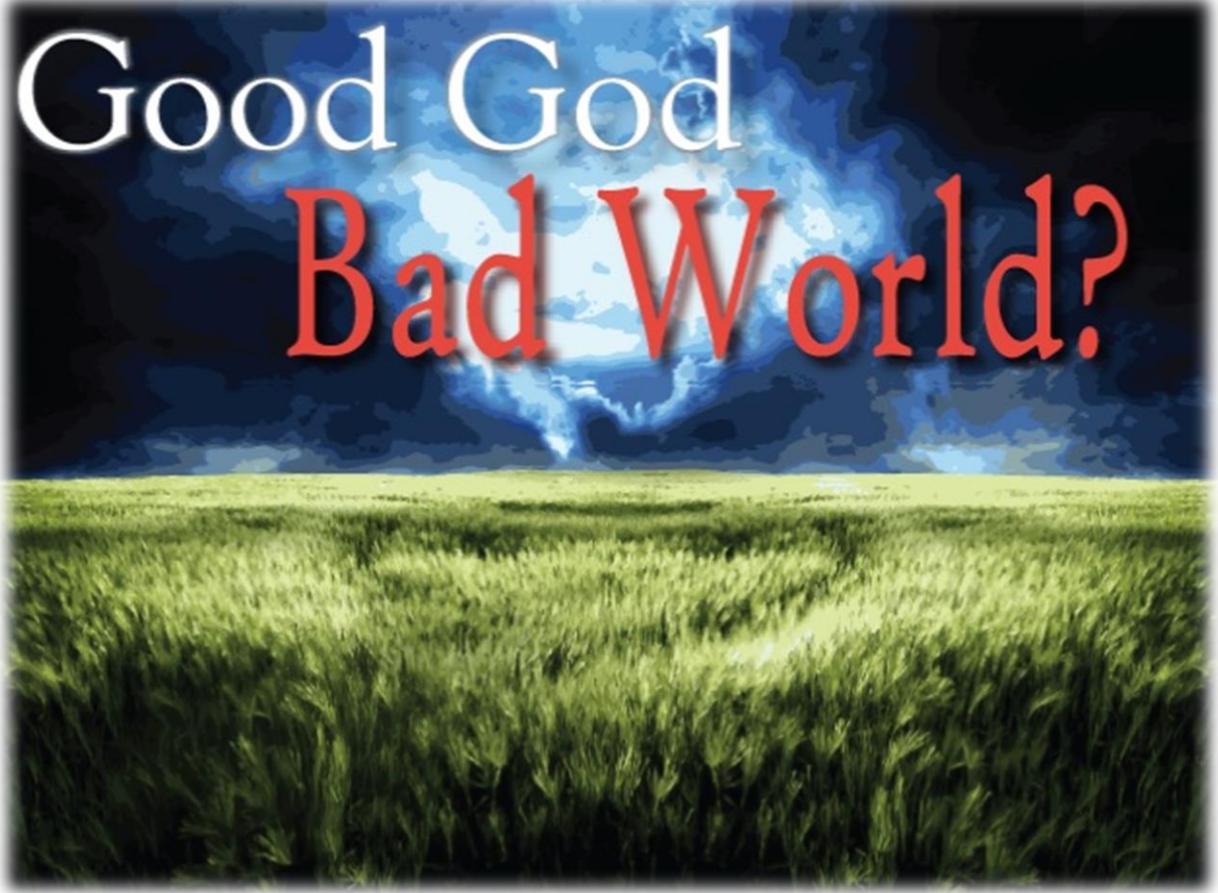


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What does the Bible teach about suffering?

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1. Is God to blame for suffering?

"Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love" 1 John 4:8

"The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*: Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you" Jeremiah 31:3

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope" Jeremiah 29:11

2. Where did sin originate?

"The devil has sinned from the beginning" 1 John 3:8

"Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground" Ezekiel 28:17

"For you have said in your heart: I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God" Isaiah 14:13

3. Can we cause our own suffering?

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" Galatians 6:7

"Just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned" Romans 5:12

4. Who is to blame for illness and suffering?

"Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils" Job 2:7

"There was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years...whom Satan has bound" Luke 13:11, 16

"A thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me" 2 Corinthians 12:7

5. Does Satan specifically target followers of Jesus?

"So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him...And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make

war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" Revelation 12:9, 17

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" 1 Peter 5:8

6. Where is God when we suffer?

"The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit" Psalm 34:18

"For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, Saying to you, Fear not, I will help you" Isaiah 41:13

"The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit" Psalm 34:17, 18

7. Is suffering part of the Christian walk?

"Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" 2 Timothy 3:12

"In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" John 16:33

"So be that we suffer with (Jesus), that we may be also glorified together" Romans 8:17

8. What is the best thing to do when we suffer?

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray" James 5:13

"Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks" 1 Thessalonians 5:17,18

"Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice" Psalm 55:17

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" Philippians 4:6

9. Should we share our prayer needs with others?

"Pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" James 5:16

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" Matthew 18:20

10. When we reject Jesus amidst trials, how does He feel?

"He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him" Isaiah 53:3

"How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing" Matthew 23:37

11. When life seems dark, what should we consider?

"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" Colossians 3:2

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" Philippians 3:20

"Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God...And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" Revelation 21:2,4

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" Romans 8:18

12. What words of comfort does Jesus have for you?

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'...your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" Matthew 6:31-33

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" Matthew 11:28-30

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me" Revelation 3:20