

Why Does God Allow Suffering and Disappointment? – Part 2

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. He had seven sons and three daughters, and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East ... One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and 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." In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing. – Job 1:1-3;14-20.

Why does God allow suffering and disappointment?

- I. Sometimes it is **No Fault** of our own.
- II. Sometimes it is so His **Plan** can be seen.
- III. Sometimes it is so we can **Experience His Intimacy and Comfort**.

- IV. Sometimes it **IS** a **Result of our own W**_____.

...but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. – James 1:14-15

Solution: Repent – Change one's Mind and Direction.

- V. Sometimes it is a result of **O**_____ **People's (or being's) evil.**

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." – Matthew 2:16-17

- A. Humans are motivated by **S**_____.
- B. Spiritual beings are **C**_____ at work.

VI. Sometimes God doesn't T_____ us.

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: "Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?" - Job 38:1-7

Why? Parents don't (can't) always explain things to little children until they are mature.

VII. No matter what, we always know that God L_____ us.

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. – Ephesians 3:18 (NLT)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. – John 3:16

God PROVED His love by sending Jesus, His own son to die for us, so we could live eternally with Him in Perfection.

Answers:

IV. Wrongdoing

V. Other; A) Selfishness; B) Constantly

VI. Tell

VII. Loves