

WHY DOES GOD ALLOW NATURAL DISASTERS, EVIL, AND THE INNOCENT TO SUFFER?

10 THINGS WE KNOW TO BE TRUE

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1. God is a good God, holy in all His ways.

"The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works."
(Psalm 23:6, 25:8, 145:9; 1 Chronicles 16:34)

2. God's ways are higher than ours. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

All our questions will not be answered this side of heaven. (John 13:7)

3. The earth is under the curse of sin. (Genesis 3:17-19, Romans 8:19-21)

4. God uses the suffering of His faithful witnesses to bring others to Christ.
(Acts 16:25ff)

5. Satan is the ruler of the world. (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)

Satan is also the god of the world (2 Corinthians 4:4); "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2); and "the whole world lies in the power of the evil one" (1 John 5:19).

6. Life and suffering on earth are brief compared to the glory of eternity in heaven. (James 4:14, Romans 8:18)

7. Our existence is for God's glory.

In our brokenness, God's glory has the opportunity to shine and restore.
(John 9:1-5, Job)

8. God causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purposes. (Romans 8:28)

9. God does not allow suffering and Satan to continue.

Jesus's death and resurrection "swallowed up death in victory" (Isaiah 25:8).
"And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it."
(Hebrews 2:14-15, Revelation 21:1, 21:5; 1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

10. God has given believers the Holy Spirit, a Helper and Comforter who is always with us in our sufferings until we go to the new heaven and earth He has prepared for us. (John 14:1-3, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4)