

THE PROBLEM OF GOD

The Problem of Evil & Suffering - Sunday, May 6, 2018
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- If God is **GOOD**, where did evil come from?
- If God is all-**POWERFUL**, why does He allow suffering?
- Doesn't evil and suffering disprove the idea of a **LOVING** God?

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? 2 How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? - Psalm 13:1-2

WHERE DID EVIL COME FROM?

- God created us with **FREE WILL**.
- The source of evil and suffering is **SIN**.

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned. - Romans 5:12

OVERCOMING EVIL IN OUR LIVES

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
- Romans 12:21

1) Overcome **HATE** with **LOVE**.

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. 10 Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.
- Romans 12:9-10

Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!
- Romans 12:16

2) Overcome **BITTERNESS** with **FORGIVENESS**.

Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. 18 Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. 19 Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord.
- Romans 12:17-19

3) Overcome **PAIN** with **PATIENCE AND PRAYER**.

Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. - Romans 12:12

(Jesus) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. - Matthew 6:13

- We overcome it all through **JESUS**.

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. 57 But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. - 1 Corinthians 15:55-57