

GOD'S ANSWERS TO LIFE'S DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

Bible Class Series

Did God create evil?

INTRODUCTION

It may seem that because God created all things, then He must have created evil. This is incorrect! Goodness is His core quality.

- **Exodus 34:6**

The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth.

- **James 1:17**

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

- **Psalm 92:15**

The Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

- **Proverbs 15:29**

The LORD is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

What is evil???

1. Evil is the opposite of _____ just like darkness is the opposite of _____.

- **Genesis 1:1-4**

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

2. Evil is the rejection of _____, His goodness, and His _____

Matthew 16:23

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

John 3:19

This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

Joshua 24:15

But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.

3. Being evil is a personal _____. Anyone can become _____.

Proverbs 23:7a

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he

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.

Matthew 15:19

For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander.

Jeremiah 17:9

The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?

4. God allows evil people to _____ among us.

Psalm 9:8

And He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.

Matthew 5:45

For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 13:28-30

²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I

will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.

5. Evil is of the _____

Ezekiel 28:12–17

You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God... You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

[Revelation 12:9](#)

And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

6. God can _____ the most evil spirit.

Colossians 1:21-22

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.