

# EVER WONDER WHY? WHY DID GOD LET IT HAPPEN?

June 30, 2024

Pastor Craig Groeschel

Epicurus, a Greek philosopher, came to these conclusions about the nature of God concerning good and evil:

- **If God is not able to prevent evil, then He's not all-powerful.**
- **If God is not willing to prevent evil, then He's not all good.**
- **If God is both willing and able to prevent evil, then why does evil exist?**

**Christianity makes sense of, gives meaning to, and offers a solution for the evil and suffering we experience.**

## **Psalm 73:11** (NLT)

“What does God know?” they ask. “Does the Most High even know what’s happening?” Look at these wicked people—enjoying a life of ease while their riches multiply. Did I keep my heart pure for nothing? Did I keep myself innocent for no reason? I get nothing but trouble all day long; every morning brings me pain.

- **If God is loving, why would He allow suffering?**
- **If love is a choice, suffering is a possibility.**
- **If there is no God, who decides there's evil?**
- **Why do bad things happen to good people?**

## **Matthew 27:46** (NIV)

...“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

*So why does God allow suffering?*

## **John 3:16** (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.

## **Revelation 21:4** (NLT)

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

## **Psalm 73:16-17, 26** (NIV)

When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God... My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**NEXT WEEK = SUMMER SERIES**

*We're so glad you joined us. If you would like more information about God, Jesus and the Bible, please talk with any of our church leaders.  
**Thank you for joining us!***

# EVER WONDER WHY? WHY DID GOD LET IT HAPPEN?

June 30, 2024

Pastor Craig Groeschel

Epicurus, a Greek philosopher, came to these conclusions about the nature of God concerning good and evil:

- **If God is not able to prevent evil, then He's not all-powerful.**
- **If God is not willing to prevent evil, then He's not all good.**
- **If God is both willing and able to prevent evil, then why does evil exist?**

**Christianity makes sense of, gives meaning to, and offers a solution for the evil and suffering we experience.**

## **Psalm 73:11** (NLT)

“What does God know?” they ask. “Does the Most High even know what’s happening?” Look at these wicked people—enjoying a life of ease while their riches multiply. Did I keep my heart pure for nothing? Did I keep myself innocent for no reason? I get nothing but trouble all day long; every morning brings me pain.

- **If God is loving, why would He allow suffering?**
- **If love is a choice, suffering is a possibility.**
- **If there is no God, who decides there's evil?**
- **Why do bad things happen to good people?**

**Matthew 27:46** (NIV)  
...“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

*So why does God allow suffering?*

## **John 3:16** (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.

## **Revelation 21:4** (NLT)

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

## **Psalm 73:16-17, 26** (NIV)

When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God... My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**NEXT WEEK = SUMMER SERIES**

*We're so glad you joined us. If you would like more information about God, Jesus and the Bible, please talk with any of our church leaders.  
**Thank you for joining us!***