

MANNACHURCH SERMON NOTES

The God Question. pt. 7

November 12, 2023

“How Can a Good God Allow Suffering?”

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." ~ Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV)

1. Three truths we must Embrace:

- a. Nobody is _____ – Romans 3:23
- b. Everyone will _____ – Hebrews 9:27
- c. We are _____ God – Isaiah 55:8-9

2. We Lost it All

- a. God Gave man one _____ command – Genesis 2:16-17
- b. Satan tempted Eve:

- _____ of the eye - _____ of the Flesh - _____ of life

- c. Suffering happens in the world as a result of the curse.

John 11:25

John 14:6

3. Dominion Mandate

- a. Rule over – “Radah” – Govern, take care of, keep orderly
- b. Subdue – “Kabash” – To dominate, even by force if necessary, anything that opposes you.

- Isaiah 14:12-14

4. A Promising Future

- a. Genesis 3:15 – A glimpse into God's Plan

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Bottom Line

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” ~John 16:33

Reflect and Discuss

1. How does understanding the consequences of the fall of man in Genesis 3 deepen your perspective on the suffering we endure in the world today? In what ways can this knowledge inspire hope, compassion, and a sense of purpose during challenges and adversity?
2. Reflect and discuss: In John 11:25 and John 14:6, Jesus claims to be the resurrection, the life, the way, the truth. Are we prioritizing knowledge over experiencing His transformative power? Consider areas where you've chosen human understanding over surrendering to Jesus' life-giving truth. How can you align your choices with the abundant life He promises?
3. How does the vow in Genesis 3:15, where God mentions hostility between the woman's offspring and the serpent, enhance our comprehension of God's salvation strategy and Jesus Christ's importance to our beliefs?

At Manna Church,

We believe Salvation consists of the remission of sins, the impartation of the righteousness of Jesus Christ, the gift of eternal life, and the concomitant blessings thereof, which are a free gift of God and received by faith alone apart from human works of merit. Even the ability to believe is a gift of God. This blessing in no way relieves men of their responsibility to repent and believe. After repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the believer is to publicly proclaim his identity with Christ by immersion in water baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

A Prayer of Salvation

Jesus, Thank You that You died on the cross for my sin. I have sinned against God. I am sorry. I repent. Please, forgive me. Come into my heart and be the Lord of my life. From this moment forward, I want to follow You forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.