

MANNACHURCH SERMON NOTES

The God Question. pt. 8

November 19, 2023

"How Can a Good God Allow Suffering?" Part 2

"I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." ~ John 16:33 (NIV)

Four truths about God and Suffering:

1. God is not the creator of _____ - Genesis 1

A. _____ Evil – Matthew 15:18-19

B. _____ Evil – Romans 8:19-21

2. Though suffering is not good, God can use it to _____.

A. God can use pain to _____ to Himself. – Hebrews 12:7

B. God can use trials to _____ of His children
– Romans 5:3-4 & Hebrews 5:8

C. God uses dire circumstances to _____ ends.
– Romans 8:28

3. The day is coming when _____, and evil will be judged.

A. 2 Peter 3:9

**4. Any suffering we experience in this life _____ to the good God
has in store for His followers.**

- 2 Corinthians 11:23-27

- 2 Corinthians 4:17

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- Romans 8:18

- 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

- Psalm 34:18

- Isaiah 42:5-6

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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. What personal insights or connections do you find between the biblical passages we've studied and your life experiences? How might these reflections shape your beliefs, values, or actions moving forward?
2. As you reflect on the message about suffering and evil in the world, consider the following question: What aspects of the message resonated with you, and how might understanding the reasons behind suffering impact your perspective on life's challenges? Additionally, how can the concepts of God using suffering for good and the promise of a future without suffering influence your approach to difficulties and your relationship with God?
3. In light of John 16:33, How does the assurance that Jesus has overcome the world impact your ability to find peace amid life's challenges? How can you practically apply this assurance to navigate difficulties and maintain a sense of hope and peace in your daily life?"

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 sins. 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.