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## The Tension Of “Bad Things”, “Good People” And A Great God

### Tension #1. Regarding the nature of God:

God is not the creator of **SUFFERING AND EVIL**.

God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.

Genesis 1:31, NIV

The two basic kinds of evil:

1. **MORAL** evil. (Romans 3:10, 3:23)

2. **NATURAL** evil. (Genesis 3:17b, Romans 8:22)

### Tension #2. Regarding the perpetrators of evil:

God allows it to extend **LIMITED FREE WILL**.

“This only have I found: God made mankind upright, but men have gone in search of many schemes.”

Ecclesiastes 7:29, NIV

“Now fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness... But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...”

Joshua 24:14a,15a, NIV

The Lord works out everything for His own ends— even the wicked for a day of disaster.

Proverbs 16:4, NIV

### Tension #3. Regarding the recipients of evil:

God uses it to positively **CHANGE LIVES**.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28, NIV

We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Romans 5:3-4, NIV

But even though He [Jesus] was God’s Son He learned to be obedient by means of His sufferings.

Hebrews 5:8, TEV

### Tension #4. Regarding the nature of life:

God lets it remind us this life is not **ALL THERE IS**.

For God sometimes uses sorrow in our lives to help us turn away from sin and seek eternal life. We should never regret His sending it.

2 Corinthians 7:10, LB

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18, NIV

**If our earthly life is all there is to our existence, suffering and evil will make NO SENSE AT ALL!**

**If our earthly life is brief compared to eternity, suffering and evil will make TEMPORAL SENSE!**

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

2 Corinthians 4:17, NIV