

# If God is Good, Why Does He Allow Suffering and Evil the World?

## The God Questions, Part 4

John 16:33 – *"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

### Hard Answers

1. Some of the harsh things in this world are initiated by a God who is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"* – Genesis 18:25
2. Normally, God does not violate the law of the harvest. Our \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."*  
– Galatians 6:7

### Head Answers

1. God is not the \_\_\_\_\_ of evil and suffering.  
*Genesis 1, Genesis 3:18, Romans 8:22*
2. Though suffering is not good, God \_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish good.
  - God can use pain to \_\_\_\_\_ people \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God can use trials to \_\_\_\_\_ the character of His children.  
*Romans 5:3, Hebrews 5:8*
  - God sometimes disciplines His children to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to take. *Hebrews 12:10-11, Romans 8:28*
  - God uses bad circumstances to bring about \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."* – Genesis 50:20

3. The day is coming when \_\_\_\_\_ will cease and \_\_\_\_\_ will be judged. *Revelation 21:4; Revelation 20:1-4;*
4. Any suffering we experience in this life pales in comparison with the \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ for His followers.  
*2 Corinthians 4:17; Romans 8:18*
5. You get to decide whether your pain is going to \_\_\_\_\_ you or \_\_\_\_\_ you.

### The Heart Answer

God promises to \_\_\_\_\_ in our pain and suffering, if we will let Him. *Isaiah 42:5; Isaiah 43:1-3; John 16:33, Hebrews 13:5*



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