

# If God is Good, Why Does He Allow Suffering and Evil the World? (Part 2)

## The God Questions, Conclusion

*John 16:33 – "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."*

### Hard Answers

1. Some of the harsh things in this world are initiated by a God who is enforcing justice.

*"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 choices have consequences.

*"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."  
– Galatians 6:7*

### Head Answers

1. God is not the creator of evil and suffering.

*Genesis 1, Genesis 3:18, Romans 8:22*

2. Though suffering is not good, God can and does use it to accomplish good.

- God can use pain to draw people to Himself.
- God can use trials to sharpen the character of His children.  
*Romans 5:3, Hebrews 5:8*
- God sometimes disciplines His children to teach us the right path to take. *Hebrews 12:10-11, Romans 8:28*
- God redeems bad circumstances to bring about good ends.

*"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. You get to decide whether your pain is going to \_\_\_\_\_ you or \_\_\_\_\_ you.

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. The day is coming when \_\_\_\_\_ will cease and \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_. *Revelation 21:4; Revelation 20:1-4*

### The Heart Answer: Psalm 73

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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