

Why Does God Allow Pain And Suffering?

1 Corinthians 13:12, Job 1:20

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1 Corinthians 13:12, *For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully...*

Job 1:20, *At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." ²²In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.*

Common Questions Related To Pain And Suffering:

➤ **Why Did God Create A World With All This Evil?**

HE DIDN'T

Genesis 1:7, *...it was good... ⁹...it was good... ¹⁰...it was good... ¹²...it was good... ¹⁸it was good... ²¹it was good... ²⁵...it was good... ³¹...it was very good...*

(Genesis 2:15; 4:6)

➤ **Why Doesn't God Get Rid Of All This Evil? HE WILL**

Revelation 21:3, *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*

➤ **Why Does God Allow All This Evil To Continue?**

HE'S SPEAKING

- **God Uses All This Evil To Accomplish GOOD**

Romans 8:28, *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.*

(Genesis 50:20)

- **He's Inviting Sinners To REPENTANCE**

2 Peter 3:9, *The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

- **God's Reminding Us That Our Suffering Pales In Comparison To His FUTURE GLORY**

Romans 8:18, *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*

(1 Corinthians 2:9)

- **What Does God Want Me To Do With My Pain? USE IT AS A SPRINGBOARD TO HELP OTHERS**

2 Corinthians 1:3, *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.*