

# WHY IS THERE SUFFERING IN THE WORLD?

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Referenced scripture: Habakkuk 1:13; Romans 5:3; Hebrews 12:10-11; Romans 8:28; Genesis 50:20; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Romans 8:18; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Psalm 34:18

The number one question that people wanted to ask God was “Why is there suffering in the world?”

1. The world’s solutions:

- Deny God’s existence
- Deify evil
- Diminish God’s power
- Diminish God’s goodness

There are some things that we can understand about suffering:

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

Real love must involve real choice.

b. God can use suffering to accomplish good.

“God whispers to us in our pleasures. He speaks to us in our conscience. But He shouts to us in our pain. It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” C.S. Lewis

“I would rather be in this wheelchair, knowing God, than on my feet without Him.” Joni Erickson Tada

c. God is not finished yet!

Any suffering we experience in this life will pale in comparison to what God has in store for His followers.

d. God understands our suffering.

“There is no hope in suffering apart from God.” Tim Keller

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