

## WHY DOES GOD PERMIT EVIL? -2

### Isaiah 65:12

Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spoke, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, **and did choose** *that* wherein I delighted not.

### Deuteronomy 30:19

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that I have set before you* life and death, blessing and cursing: **therefore choose** life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

### Joshua 24:15

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you** this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

There are always two personal choices involved with regards to evil happening on earth, 1. God's choice 2. man's choice. **God has never chosen and never will personally choose evil for man.** It is NEVER His will for you. **Always RESIST evil!**

### James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

### 1Peter 5:8-9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

### 1Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who **will not** suffer you to be tempted above that **YE are able**; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

While God will NEVER allow Satan to attack you above what you are able to overcome through the word you already have been given by God, God **must** permit evil for one unavoidable reason – man's own personal inviolable choice, which same ability is a gift God gave to man when He first made him in God's image.

### Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

ALL evil exists by and only continues on this earth by the choice of men. **The reason God permits or 'does' evil is because of man's choice!!!** God is incapable of willing or thinking evil towards you but rather only thinks of how to effect your good and wellbeing and salvation from all evil.

### **Jeremiah 29:11**

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, **thoughts of peace,** and **NOT of evil,** to give you an expected end.

### **Genesis 3:6**

And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did \_\_\_\_\_ eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Note that Adam's own personal choice has adversely affected us without our personal choice.

Thank God He had already provided a Way out of that Fall for us. Therefore a man's choice, up to a point, will interact with and affect others, without their personal choice! This also God had to permit, but only because He already had intervened before the world began and saved each man perfectly from the evil choices of other men. The Resurrection and the Life was ever always superior to and far excels death.

### **John 9:1-3,7**

And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.

And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind

Jesus answered, **Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**

And said unto him, **Go, wash in the pool of Siloam,** (which is by interpretation, Sent.)

He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

### **John 11:25**

Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:**

**And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall NEVER die. Believest thou this?**

Again, because of the gift of choice which man can and has freely exercised, God MUST permit evil. **Evil ONLY exists by the choice and choices of men,** NEVER by God's personal choice which is what obtains in Heaven.

God's revealed personal choice for you is that YOU have His LIFE even as Jesus our Lord. It is the devil whom the scriptures reveal as the one who comes to steal and kill and destroy this will of God. This is the only true revelation of God and what He wants you to believe i.e. receive from Him or seek Him to manifest Himself, the Resurrection and the Life in your life! Do not let them fool you, even if they come is a religious disguise! Remember Bartimaeus.

Since evil exists ONLY by human choice(s), God has to find a way to intervene within our human choice to cause us to agree with His own original unchanging good perfect choice for us, **and He HAS!**

Furthermore, God is so confident (and rightly so) concerning the sufficiency of this His intervention that we can see why He allowed man to exist and have choice in the first place (thereby allowing evil to come into being in every realm under man's dominion).

What is this intervention?