

WHY DOES GOD PERMIT EVIL?

Jeremiah 29:11

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John 1:18

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might **have life**, and that they might have *it* **more abundantly**.

Acts 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about **doing good, and healing ALL that were oppressed** of the devil; for God was with him.

God Himself personally testifies in the scriptures, and expressly through His Son Jesus, that He HAS NEVER willed (nor can He will) personally ANY evil for ANY of His creation. God does not and CANNOT change. Jesus is the perfect, full, complete, clear, open and truthful revelation of the Father in a form you see and can understand.

The Lord Jesus makes clear to us, in words and deeds, what God's will for us IS. God's personal will is always to do you good and NO EVIL AT ALL. God's will for you is ALWAYS to deliver you from EVERY evil and ALL the works of the devil, the actual bad guy whose personal intention is to do you evil. Evil has never been, never is and **never will be** God's own personal will or choice for you. Do not let any man deceive you.

Indeed, sin and every form of evil came into this world by man.

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as **by one man** sin entered into the world, and death **by** sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

1Corinthians 15:21

For since **by man came death**, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

James 1:13-17

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

It is also clear from the scriptures that the LORD God, our heavenly Father who is the Eternal Power, has allowed and lets evil happen and befall us on this planet. Consider these scriptures for instance:

Deuteronomy 28:27-29

The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.

The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart: And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save *thee*.

Job 1:12

And **the LORD said** unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

Isaiah 45:7

I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: **I the LORD do all** these *things*.

Amos 3:6

Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and **the LORD** hath not done *it*?

John 19:11

Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power *at all* against me, **except it were given thee from above**: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

Act 2:23

Him, being **delivered by the determinate counsel** and foreknowledge **of God**, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

How can and why does God, perfect Goodness Himself, do these things?

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.

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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).

So what is this intervention?

Psalms 33:9-11

For he spake, and it **WAS** *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast.

The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

God knows the truth, that when He spake in the beginning, everything stood fast, perfect as He willed. God finished His work of perfectly saving ALL OF MANKIND in the beginning before we were ever born!

As we have already begun pointing out in the previous parts regarding evil in human lives, God is NOT sovereign in the way some religious and also non-religious men claim. If he was, everybody would get born-again as He wills and no one would go to hell.

It is only when YOU receive God's word, when **YOU set** what God has said to YOU AS Lord over all human experience and understanding, only then is He sovereign in your personal life and domain. When you make what God actually said sovereign in your own heart AND **MOUTH**, regardless of your own understanding and previous experience, **only then IS** Jesus, God's Perfect Salvation, effective and guaranteed in your life.

Romans 10:9-13

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God **HATH RAISED** him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is RICH unto all that call upon him.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall BE saved.

You can still choose to opt out but God has already perfectly saved EVERY MAN from all evil by sending His Word [Son] to accomplish this His will. Anyone who receives this Word will prevail perfectly in the end. This is guaranteed in Christ Jesus. Evil never was, never is and never will be God's will for you. God never changes! Resist the devil!

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John 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

2Timothy 1:9-10

Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Revelation 13:8

..... the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

See. God had accomplished man's deliverance from all evil through His word, before ever the form of things as we see them now, came into being.

God, i.e. The Word of God, has become a man named Jesus who has come and already overcome THIS present EVIL world for us all. Indeed, he is the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world to free us from Adam's betrayal. **Jesus Christ has forever shut the door on the power of evil and death.** You see then why the Father never was, never is and never will be shaken by evil or the devil - it is pointless. You see then that because of Jesus who is the good All-Powerful Word, EVERY EVIL (the devil and his works) is powerless, pointless and 'a vain shew'.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Psalms 34:19

Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them ALL.

Indeed, by His ever-living Word, God has already forced all evil permitted on earth to work together for only good in the end towards all men who receive His good Word of love. Evil and tribulation will come against you, but you have ALREADY overcome every single one of them through God's Word, Jesus.

Suffice it for us to say this then: since God's Word that has already saved YOU is ALREADY HERE, everything already is perfect. Receive the truth, the good news of YOUR perfect deliverance by, with and in Christ Jesus and SAY SO.

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