

# Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

## Two Realities to Remember

1. God is under no obligation to give us an explanation.
2. God has given us plenty of explanation if we will only look for it and accept it.

## The Rationale Behind This Question

1. The world is full of suffering and evil.
2. God created the world.
3. Therefore, God is the one to blame!

## The Response to the Rationale

No, God is not the one to blame for suffering and evil.

### **Five facts to consider:**

#### **1. God created the world good.**

Gen 1: 31 *God saw all that he had made, and it was very good...*

#### **2. God created people with the ability to choose.**

Gen 1:27 *So God created man in his own image...*

- a. Choice is the essence of humanity.
- b. Choice is the essence of love.
- c. Choice is a risk.

#### **3. People chose evil.**

Gen 2:16 *And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;17 but you must not eat from*

*the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."*

Gen 3:6 *When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.*

#### **4. Their choice brought evil into the world.**

Rom 5:12 *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—*

#### **5. The choice has had lasting consequences.**

a. The world is no longer good.

Romans 8:20-22 *For the creation was subjected to frustration... We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.*

"b. People are no longer good.

Romans 3:10 *As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;*

## The Rewording of the Question

Not "Why do bad things happen to good people,"  
but "Why do good things happen to bad people?"

But the Real Question is

"Does God care when bad things happen?"

The answer to that question is "Yes."

God knows what it is to suffer,  
and He knows how to help us in our suffering.

The ultimate case of a bad thing happening to a truly good person is when the only truly good person, Jesus, was crucified for our sins.