

WHY GOD?

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
2. God created people with the ability to choose.
Gen 1:27
 - 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; Gen 3:6
4. Their choice brought evil into the world. Rom 5:12
5. The choice has had lasting consequences.
 - a. The world is no longer good. Romans 8:20-22
 - b. People are no longer good. Romans 3:10

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.