

**Reasonable Doubt: Real People...Real Questions!
How Can a Good God Allow Suffering?
Selected Scripture**

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The Question:

How Can a *Good God* Allow Evil and Suffering in the World?

Who's to Blame?

- Evil and suffering are the *result* of a Fallen World
Two Kinds of Evil:
 - Natural = *Creation* (Gen 3:17-18; Rom 8:19-22)
 - Moral = *Humanity* (Rom 3:10-18; 2 Tim 3:1-8)
- God *Is Not* the Source of Evil
 - He is the *source* of all good (Ps 107:8; 119:68; Jas 1:17)
 - God can use evil and suffering for His glory
(1 Cor 7:10; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Rom 5:3-5, 8:28; Ex 14:4,17-18)

What is the Purpose?

- To Bring the *Power* of God's Presence to us
 - The answer not something, but someone
(Job 38:1-42:6)
 - The answer is God Himself in Jesus Christ!
(Matt 1:23; John 1:1-3,14; 2 Cor 5:18-19)
 - Pain and suffering:
Leads us to repentance
(2 Cor 7:8-11; 2 Chron 32:24-26)
Has the *potential* for good
(Gen 50:20; Ps 119:67; Heb 5:7-8)
Resulted in God Himself bearing our pain
(Isa 53; John 1:29; Acts 3;18, 17:3, 26:23; Heb 2:9, 13:12;
1 Pet 2:24)
Is only temporary
(2 Cor 4:17-18; 2 Pet 3:12-13; Rev 21:1-5,27)