

Message Notes

Why, God?: Six Worldviews on Evil

Why, God?: Part 2

Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us and eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

PAUL, A JESUS FOLLOWER (2COR 4:17)

How do we understand evil and its origin?

1. There is **no** evil and suffering.
2. There is no **God**.
3. God has limited **goodness**.
4. God has limited **power**.
5. God has limited **knowledge**.
6. God is ***all good, all powerful, and all knowing***; he ***hates evil*** and will ***ultimately judge all evildoers***, and ***remove evil and suffering*** after accomplishing ***greater, eternal good***.
7. God created all angels **good**...
8. Evil entered the universe through **Satan**...
9. The angelic rebellion did NOT surprise God.
10. Evil's ultimate origin remains **mysterious**.
11. Satan's opposite is **Michael**.
12. Never **underestimate** evil...

Humanity's Evil...

- Evil violates standards of God's character...
- Ungodliness is failure to conform to God's nature...

- Adam & Eve followed fallen logic vs. God's goodness...
- The Fall was met by mercy rather than justice...

Three curses...

- The curse on Satan predicted Christ's redemptive work... *Genesis 3:15; Romans 16:20*
- The judgment for Eve increased physical, emotional, and relational pain... *Genesis 3:16*
- The judgment on Adam was the corruption of earth and the burden of labor... *Genesis 3:17*

Christian Worldview...God is the Center (see #6)

- Sin Nature: we distrust, dishonor, and reject God.
- All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... *Romans 3:23*
- Evil is an outrageous offense against God...
- The indication of evil's depth is the cost of God's redemption of His very good creation...
- Total spiritual inability vs. total depravity...common grace

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This is to stimulate your thinking as you process and apply God's Word from today's listening...

- A. Has your belief about evil and its origin changed?
- B. What is your approach/action to evil and suffering?
- C. Has your view of God changed? How?