

“Great Question: Part 2”

Why does God allow evil, pain and suffering in the world?

Matthew 27:46 NLT

... Jesus called out with a loud voice,... “My God, my God, **why** have you abandoned me?”

God doesn't want people to suffer.

Lamentations 3:33 NLT

For he does not enjoy hurting people or causing them sorrow.

Sources of suffering:

Some is the result of our own sin.

Some is the result of other people's sin.

Some is the result of Satan's attack.

Most is the result of living in a Fallen World.

John 16:33 NLT

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have **many trials and sorrows**. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

Remember you are not alone.

John 14:16 NLT

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who **will never leave you**.

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Isaiah 43:2 NLT

When you go through deep waters, I will be **with you**. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will **not** drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will **not** be burned up; the flames will **not** consume you.

Hebrew 13:5 NLT

Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will **never** fail you. I will **never** abandon you."

Isaiah 49:15-16 NLT

"Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, **I would not forget you!** See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.

Remember **God knows how you feel**.

John 3:16 NLT

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave (*let go of*) his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Psalms 56:8 NLT

You keep track of all my sorrow. You have **collected all my tears** in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.

Remember pain can serve a **purpose**.

2 Corinthians 7:10 NLT

For the kind of sorrow God **wants us to experience** leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's **no regret** for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.

Remember dark days **don't last forever**.

2 Corinthians 4:17 NLT

For our present **troubles** are **small** and **won't last** very long. Yet they **produce** for us a **glory** that vastly outweighs them and **will last forever!**

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2 Peter 3:9 NLT

The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being **patient** for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

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