

All about evil

Why doesn't God remove all evil from the world?

First, in His mercy He hasn't done that. If He did, it would mean getting rid of *all of us!* That's because "all the world stands hushed and guilty before Almighty God." Romans 3.19 (Living Bible)

Second, no doubt we want to be rid of the *presence* of evil and the power of evil in the world, but God says we must first deal with the *guilt* of evil. To achieve this He has given the world a Saviour – an all-powerful One. Jesus said, "Without me you can do nothing." John 15.5

So, **third**, since God offers us free forgiveness through Jesus, this puts the onus on us to do three things:

- (1) Admit we are guilty sinners in God's sight.
- (2) Accept that God has provided Jesus as the world's only Saviour from sin, and
- (3) Repent of our sins.

Fourth, but why doesn't God do more to reduce sin's awful impact? Well, He wonders why we don't do that ourselves. Most human evil is self-inflicted!

Here is God's offer: "Turn to me, your Lord, and I will come and pour out blessings upon you." Hosea 10.12 (Good News Bible)

How positive is that!

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"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped." Psalm 28,7 (NIV)

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