

Know your God (Part 2)

God is *omnipotent*. He has infinite power to do whatever He wills to do that is in harmony with His nature –

First, notice three areas out of harmony with His nature –

God cannot lie. Hebrews 6.18

“God cannot commit sins” James 1.13

“God cannot deny Himself” 2 Timothy 2.13

Second, “There is nothing too hard” for God. Jeremiah 32.17. So He can even turn the wicked deeds of man to His advantage, as happened with the world’s most wicked deed – the crucifixion of God’s own Son.

Jesus agreed to make this wickedness serve God’s purposes. So He accepted death on our behalf – “the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.” 1 Peter 3.18.

Third, God chose to limit himself to some extent by giving man a free will. Because God chose not to keep sin out of the universe, this allowed man to choose to sin.

Fourth, by allowing evil into the world God revealed what even angels in heaven had never seen– His matchless grace toward sinners.

In his book, *Why doesn’t God stop evil?* Dr Brad Burke states “if evil had never existed, God’s true glory would have gone unrecognised for all of eternity.”

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GOOD NEWS IN BRIEF

God is so powerful that He can direct any evil to a good end.

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