

Is God really good?

If God is good, why allow so much evil in our world? Why not prevent sin and suffering now?

First, take a look at Jesus. God allowed his *temporary* suffering so he could prevent our *eternal* suffering.

Second, meeting our need wasn't a minor act. God paid the highest price in the universe for us, putting forward no less than his own Son to bear our sins on the Cross at Calvary.

Some people, in their suffering, may complain to God, “Why are you doing this to me?” They should instead look at the Cross and ask “Why did you do that for me?”

Third, we may think that God should use his mighty power to crush and remove all evil. Stop it from hurting us. Do it now. But why concentrate our thoughts on just God's attribute of being *all-powerful*?

He has other attributes, and one of them is *wisdom*. And to understand the wisdom of what God does or allows takes more than a few minutes! Only at some future time will we be enabled to see how allowing certain evils to occur in our life was used by him to bring blessing in ways we could never have imagined.

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Our suffering can turn us toward God. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

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