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Why Does God Permit Evil?

Why does God permit evil? Why do bad things happen to good kids? You might have asked this to yourself or your family. If you look around you might see people who are sick, hurt, fighting, or living in bad situations. You might hear about earthquakes, tornados, and hurricanes that kill people around the world. If God is love as the Bible tells us, then why is there so much unhappiness, sickness, and suffering? We do have an answer. God really loves His people throughout the whole world. He wants all mankind to live in peace, in a perfect world. This is called God's Kingdom and its coming in the future. God has planned this wonderful life for everyone who has ever lived. He will raise all people from the dead to live on Earth when it is perfect, clean, and amazing in all ways. **Isaiah 54:13** "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of the children." God has very important rules which must be followed before He can do this. All people have to love being good, kind, and true. There will be no one to hurt anyone. If you think about people now, they can be very cruel. People hurt others. Some get sick or even die. The people now are not ready for God's good kingdom. God allows everyone to experience evil, sickness, and hurtful situations so that they can make the right choice between good and evil in the future. God wants to make sure that all people know the difference between bad things and good things. It will be so obvious to all that to follow God's rule of love and righteousness is the very best choice.



We call this the permission of evil. It means that God has allowed mankind to experience evil and Satan's rule. But He has made provision that once mankind is resurrected, meaning, brought back to life again, on the perfect Earth, they will recognize the difference and see the good in all people. Satan will be bound and not allowed to act or cause evil for a thousand years. He will not be in charge of the world like he is now. During these thousand years, all people will learn righteousness and love. God really wants a family that wants to do His will, show love to each other, and protect the land and animals. It says in **Revelation 21:3-5** "I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more



death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. …I make all things new...” There will be no one to hurt anyone.

No robots here! God wants His family to have free will. That means that people will choose to do the right thing because they know it’s right. God doesn’t want to have robots for His family. I know I wouldn’t want to live as a robot. Robots can only do what is programmed into their machine. They cannot make up their own minds.

When you pray for the kingdom to come in the Lord’s Prayer, we say, “Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven”. When will the kingdom come? We don’t really know but many Christians believe this will be soon. The Bible says that Jesus comes as a thief in the night, meaning quietly and hidden, so that most of the world would not realize it. When the Kingdom does start, all people will know because the dead will rise again. They will wake up from sleeping in death. People will be so happy to see their families, grandchildren, grandparents, moms, and dads; relatives they have never met. It will be such a wonderful time, and everyone will be very excited. And remember, there will not be any evil or hurtful thing allowed. People will immediately see the difference compared to their lives before on the sinful earth and will be glad to choose to do good. So, this means that in God’s Kingdom, all people who ever lived will be made alive again. They will want to live perfect, good lives because they will remember all the pain and suffering from this life. It is like God gave them a practice life so that they would know the difference between good and evil. Mankind will love God so much that they will choose to make God happy. Now it is time to practice making the best choices you can. Follow the rules your family has, cooperate, and be a good person. This is how you practice for the Kingdom.

Why does God not always heal?

Have you ever seen a mother or father bird protect its babies by hiding them under their wings? Baby birds, when newly hatched, have no feathers. They look a little like small dinosaurs with wrinkled red skin. Newly hatched birds are very delicate. They are defenseless and liable to being injured or killed. Mothers protect their babies with their feathers and wings. **Psalm 91:4** “He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.” God does this for His children. Another scripture is **Psalm 36:7** “How precious is Thy loving kindness, oh God? And the children of man take refuge under the shadow of Thy wings.”

This is how God protects His children. He wants all to be safe and healthy, but sometimes

we can hurt ourselves, break a bone, or get sick. He still wants us to be healthy but He doesn't always fix our problems. We may get healthy or be healed at a later time or sometimes not at all. These hurts, injuries and sicknesses lead us to be humble and rely on God, building up our love and reliance with faith. **Psalm 46:1-2** "God is our refuge and strength and ever present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear..." It is not the time for all mankind to be healed. This will only happen in the Kingdom. There will be no sickness or dying or anyone hurt during that age. People will be perfect in mind and body. Satan will not influence mankind and everyone will be safe, whole, and healthy. **2 Corinthians 4:17-18** "For our light and momentary troubles are for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal."

But you might remember that when Jesus, God's son, was a man on earth, he did heal people. He mended a lame man who could not walk. He gave a blind man sight and raised people when they were already dead. These miracles were really to point to the future, the Kingdom, and the work that Jesus and his church would be doing. It was like an advertisement the world's biggest fair or adventure park coming soon! Exciting things are ahead! All of God's family will become whole and healthy. There will be no more sickness or hurt. Again we read in **Revelation 21:3-4** "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

As God's children, we should always pray for His will to be done in our lives. Sometimes He will answer our prayers and sometimes we will have to wait. He knows best what we need to grow stronger as Christians and He always keeps us under His wings.



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The wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the goat; the calf and young lion and fatling will be together, and a little child will lead them. The cow will graze with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play by the cobra's den, and the toddler will reach into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the sea is full of water.—Isaiah 11:6-9 BSB