



## If God Is Powerful, Why Does He Allow Tragedy And Suffering?

You Asked For It! - Part 2

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**Big Idea:** While suffering has many sources and causes, God is working in it all for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His Kingdom purposes.

**Text:** Selected Scriptures

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. – Genesis 1:31a

**Where does tragedy and suffering come from?**

1. **Some suffering is simply a result of** \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Some suffering is the result of** \_\_\_\_\_.
3. **Some suffering is the result of** \_\_\_\_\_.
4. **A lot of suffering comes because we live in** \_\_\_\_\_.

Hope does not disappoint. – Romans 5:5a

This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. ...He was the greatest man among all the people of the East. – Job 1:1b, 3b

“Have you ever once commanded the morning to appear, and caused the dawn to rise in the east? Have you ever told the daylight to spread to the ends of the earth, to end the night’s wickedness? ... Has the location of the gates of death been revealed to you? Do you realize the extent of the earth? Tell me about it if you know? Or tell me about the darkness, where does it come from? Can you find its boundaries or go to its source? But of course you know all of this! For you were born before it was all created and you are so very experienced.” – Job 38:12-13, 17-21 {NLT}

“I am nothing – how could I ever find the answers? I will cover my mouth with my hand, I have said too much already. I have nothing more to say.” – Job 40:4-5 {NLT}

**1. YOU ARE \_\_\_\_\_.**

Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, O king." He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." – Daniel 3:24-25

**2. I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. \_\_\_\_\_ WITH YOU.**

Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. – Hebrews 4:16 {NASV}

**3. PAIN HAS \_\_\_\_\_.**

For God can use sorrow in our lives to help us turn away from sin and seek salvation. We will never regret that kind of sorrow. – 2 Corinthians 7:10a {NLT}

**4. THE PAIN WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_.**

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. – Romans 8:18

"God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" – Revelation 21:3b-5a

The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent. – 2 Peter 3:9 {NLT}

**MEMORY VERSE**

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Revelation 21:4