

WHEN GOD DOESN'T MAKE SENSE... Part 6
"WHY DOES A GOOD GOD ALLOW EVIL TO EXIST"
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Who God Is: His Attributes:

All Knowing. <i>Omniscient</i> . (Psalm 139:1-5)	Holy. (Isaiah 6:3)
Supreme. <i>Sovereign</i> (Dan 4:17-25)	Just. (Deut 32:4)
All Powerful. <i>Omnipotent</i> (Jer 32:17,27)	Righteous (Psalm 7:11)
Unchanging. <i>Immutable</i> (Malachi 3:6)	Perfect. (Matt 5:48)
Everywhere. <i>Ominipresent</i> . (Psalm 139:7-13)	The Creator. (Gen 1:1)
Gracious. <i>Good. Kind. Merciful</i> . (1 Peter 1:3)	Unsearchable. (Isa 40:28)

KEY: One Attribute *Does Not* dominate Or Nullify another attribute.
All of God's attributes blend together in Perfect Harmony.

⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9

The Problem With Evil:

If God Is "All-Powerful" -> Then He's Not Good To Allow Evil To Exist
If God Is "Good" -> Then He's Not powerful to Stop Evil

People can endure a lot of Pain -> if there's a purpose.

- **Job Was A Righteous Man.**

¹ In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. ² He had seven sons and three daughters, ³ and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East. ⁵ When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom. Job 1:1-5

KEY: God Didn't Create Suffering or Evil.
God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. Genesis 1:31

- **Job Was Chosen By God For A Test of Faith.**

⁸ Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." ⁹ "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. ¹⁰ "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹ But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." ¹² The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Job 1:8-12 (cf John 16:33)

- **Job's Life: Evil Suffering Against His Family And Possessions.**

¹⁴ a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, ¹⁵ and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" ¹⁶ While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" ¹⁷ While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" ¹⁸ While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁹ when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" Job 1:13-19

- **Job's Life: Evil Suffering Against His Physical Health.**

⁵ But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face." ⁶ The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life." ⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. Job 2:3-10

- **Job's Response To God About Suffering:**

²⁰ At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹ and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised." ²² In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing. Job 1:20-22

KEY: We Commit To Worship Over Bitterness.