

Title | Evil: Why God Allows It
Series | Evil: What It Is, Where It Came From, and Why God Allows It
Text | Various Scriptures
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Genesis 3:14-15

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel." NASB

1 Corinthian 6:3

Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life? *NASB*

Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. *NASB*

James 1:2-4

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. *NASB*

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. *NASB*

John 17:3

This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. *NASB*

Big Idea:

Philippians 2:10-11 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *NASB*

Sermon Notes

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Romans 5:1-5 What are some of the most important life lessons that you have learned? Did you learn them through easy and comfortable situations or through difficult and uncomfortable situations? How does the truth of Romans 5:1-5 help you to endure suffering well?

Tuesday:

Read 1 Peter 4:12-16. When you are going through a "fiery trial" what is your initial reaction? I think for most of us our initial reaction is to be upset, try to avoid the trial, get angry, or have self-pity. How can you practice what Peter describes in these verses when going through your next "fiery trial"?

Wednesday:

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. How intense and how long does Paul say our afflictions are in this passage? When you are going through hardship, does it feel like what Paul is saying is true? What is the key to viewing our afflictions in the way that Paul describes? Re-read verse 18 and spend some time focusing on what Paul says to look to.

Thursday:

God gives us incentive to live a faithful life in the midst of trials and suffering. Read the following passages about promised rewards and be encouraged that living for the Lord today will result in future glory. (Rom. 8:16-17; 2 Tim. 4:7-8; 1 Pet. 5:1-4; Rev. 2:17, 2:26-28, 3:11-13, 3:21)

Friday:

Take some time to recap the following questions that we have looked at through this series. What is Evil? Where did Evil come from? Why does God allow Evil?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, I look forward to the day where evil will be eradicated from my existence. As I long for that day, I want to take advantage of the time I have in this fallen world. Teach me your grace, mercy, and love through the trials and sufferings I go through. Help me to run my race well, and to remember that reward at the Bema seat is based on my faithfulness.