

## WHY DO GOOD THINGS HAPPEN TO NOT-SO-GOOD PEOPLE?



You have probably heard the question, “Why do bad things happen to good people?”

With all respect to those in pain right now, that is the wrong question.

By rights, this planet should EVERYWHERE look like Somalia or Syria. But it does not.

WHY?

The Bible teaches the unpleasant truth that this is a cursed planet and we are a cursed species.

When Adam and Eve fell, human life, and the very planet itself, came under a curse.

Cancer, disease, insanity, war, oppression, abuse, famine, plagues, injustice, and tyranny all are part of the curse. Fallen angels also invaded our atmosphere.

Furthermore, because of the curse, we human beings now deliberately push away any knowledge we have of God, so as to do what we KNOW to be wrong.

We do this knowingly, repeatedly, and deliberately.

We have become corrupt.

Hatred, murder, robbery, lying, violence, greed, anger, lust, are now bound up in our HEARTS.

Jesus said, “For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, filthiness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from WITHIN, and they defile a man” (Mark 7:21-22).

It is not a pretty picture, is it?

So if this is a cursed planet, WHY IS THERE STILL SO MUCH GOOD?

The fact is MOST people on the planet will still be alive when they go to bed tonight. MOST people on the planet have food, water, clothing, and shelter. MOST people have some sort of medical care and access to education. MOST people today will not rob, murder, or rape.

Why have we not reaped the FULLNESS of the curse of Adam? WHY IS THE EARTH NOT A DEVASTATED RUIN?

I believe it is because God cannot bring himself to do so. At least yet.

Remember the third verse of “JOY TO THE WORLD”?

“No more let sins or sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make his blessings flow, FAR AS THE CURSE IS FOUND, FAR AS THE CURSE IS FOUND ...”

The proper question to ask is not, “Why do bad things happen?” but rather, “Why does so much good happen?”

Here’s why – LOVE.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believes in him might not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to SAVE the world through him” (John 3:16-17).

Do you feel it is unfair to have been born on a cursed planet to a cursed species? I understand. But here you are. What are you going to do about that?

I assure you, in spite of your rebellion and sin, God is willing to put that all behind him, so you might share life with him NOW and forever.

Jesus said, “Come to me and I will give you rest ... Seek first God and his righteousness and ALL you need will be given you ... Whoever comes to me, I will never drive away ... Do not be afraid, nor let your hearts be troubled ... My peace I give to you ... You trust in God; trust also in me.”

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