

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1234: Why Does God Let the Innocent Suffer?

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See:  **CQ.Rewind**
SHOW NOTES

1. How did sin enter into the world? Who was responsible for this sin? Why does freedom of choice figure so prominently in God's plan? (See Genesis 2:16-17, 4:9-10, John 8:44)
2. Why did God allow Satan to have free will in the spirit realm? How did this affect Adam? Why does God allow Satan to continue his control over mankind? (See Genesis 3:22-23, 2 Corinthians 11:14-15)
3. What is ALWAYS the result of our free will choices that are out of harmony with God? What is the hope the Bible gives us to save us from sin and death? How and when will the "sons of God" be revealed? Who are they? (See Romans 6:23, 8:19)
4. Why would God allow mankind to continue on its path of making sinful choices? Why were the sacrifices under the Jewish Law inadequate to permanently atone for sin? How did God provide for the permanent removal of mankind's sins? (See Romans 8:20, Hebrews 10:3-4, Revelation 13:8)
5. What is the purpose of each of us personally experiencing the consequences of sin? Why should we trust God even as we are confronting the terrible effects of sin in our lives? Why does God allow the innocent to suffer? How is God's view different from ours? Why is this important?
6. Why do we sometimes have trouble understanding God's love and wisdom? How do we know that His word will be accomplished? What are four attributes of God's character? (See Isaiah 55:7-11)
7. How does God describe the ultimate conclusion of His plan? Who is included? How does this help us to cope with our pain and loss? (See Isaiah 55:12-13, Ephesians 1:9-11, 1 Timothy 2:3-4) What sweet promise does Jesus give to those who are weary, and who mourn? How do we acquire endurance to get through hard times in our own lives?
8. Why are most people unable to see and understand God's plan of hope and salvation for all? Why does He continue to let mankind participate in corrupt thinking? What will be the end result of this personal knowledge of sin? When will this result happen? (See Matthew 5:4, 11:28-30, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Romans 8:21)
9. Describe all the dual promises in God's plan. To whom do they apply? How do we know that God sees and recognizes our pain? (See John 5:28-29, 2 Timothy 1:9-10, Isaiah 35:8-10, 40:5, Matthew 7:14, Galatians 3:27, 29, Jeremiah 31:34, 2 Peter 1:4, Romans 5:19-21, 8:22-23)
10. What has to happen before the "times of refreshment" can come? Describe God's coming kingdom. How will the human race be brought to a knowledge of God during the coming kingdom? (See Acts 3:18-21, Zephaniah 3:8-9, Daniel 2:44, Micah 4:1-5, Isaiah 35:8-10)
11. How does Revelation 21:4 give us comfort? What details of God's plan deepen your trust in Him? How has God shared His perspective with us, and how does this give you hope? (See Romans 15:13, Psalm 30:5)