

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1409: Do We Get What We Deserve? Karma vs. the Gospel

See:



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1. How does the biblical principle of “sowing and reaping” in Galatians 6:7-10, Job 4:8 and Proverbs 22:8-9 compare to the concept of karma?
2. In what areas of your life might you be “sowing to the flesh” instead of “sowing to the spirit?” Where in your life could you invest more in spiritual growth?
3. How do the teachings on reciprocity and moral accountability in Matthew 7:1-2 and Luke 6:38 reflect or differ from the logic of karma?
4. Give biblical examples where people received a clear consequence for their actions. (2 Samuel 11 and 12, Joshua 7)

*At this point, do you think that karma and Christianity are similar? Why or why not?
5. Compare the karmic cycle of reincarnation with the biblical view of life, death and judgment. How does the Bible’s “one life, one judgment” model shape our understanding of accountability and grace? (Hebrews 9:27-28, Romans 6:22-23)
6. How does the gospel’s approach to forgiveness and repentance differ from the karmic view of consequences and personal responsibility? Compare the roles of grace, mercy and memory in both. (Romans 9:14-16, John 3:16-17, Luke 17:3-4, Matthew 18:21-22)
7. When you experience hurt or injustice from others, how do you respond? How can you improve this reaction?
8. How does the path for man described in the Bible compare with the path to enlightenment described by karma? What are the steps along these paths? (Revelation 21:3-4, Jeremiah 31:33-34)
9. How does the understanding that God’s grace is the foundation of your salvation (Ephesians 2:8-10) affect your motivation for doing good? What is the purpose behind your service to others? How can you keep it pure and on a higher plane?