

What about Suffering?

Intro – If God is all-powerful & all-good ... ???

So far ...

The theoretical question: Why is there evil & suffering?

Cause

Sources of suffering

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Origin - A good world gone bad [Genesis 1-3]

A good world [1-2]

Gone bad [3]

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Purpose

Perfected through suffering

[Hebrews 2:10; Romans 8:28-29; 2 Corinthians 12:8-10]

Proven through suffering [Job 1-2; Romans 5:1-5; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7]

Suffering for Christ and his church

[Philippians 1:12-30; Colossians 1:24-29; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7; 11:22-29]

The practical question: What's the solution to evil & suffering?

Help [2 Corinthians 1:8-11; Hebrews 2:18; 4:14-16]

No more tears [Romans 8:18-25; Hebrews 2:14-17; Revelation 21:1-5]

Conclusion – Since God is all-powerful & all-good ... !!!