

LESSON # 32
HARD QUESTIONS SERIES
“WHAT ABOUT EVIL?”

If God is _____, why is there evil in the world?

The key to understanding the problem of evil is to understand that things are not the way that God initially created them or intended for them to be. Without a proper understanding of the “Fall of Humanity” we cannot fully understand the plan of salvation.

(I) MAN BEFORE THE _____

- A. People were created in _____
 - 1. Ecc. 7:29; Gen 3:8-13

- B. People had _____ fellowship with God.
 - 1. Gen 2:15-17, 3:8-13
 - 2. The separation we see testifies to our sinfulness.

- C. People were given the earth to _____
 - 1. Gen. 2:19-20 (denotes ownership)

- D. People were created in the image of God.
 - 1. Gen. 1:26, 6:9
 - 2. I Cor. 11:7; Ja. 3:9

- E. What is the image of God?
 - 1. Moral resemblance and sharing of the unique divine attributes.
 - a. In so much as man surpasses animals.
 - b. Capacity for justice and compassion, for love and hate.
 - c. Ability to relate to the past, present and future.
 - d. Ability to need to establish long meaningful relationships.
 - e. Ability to communicate and "philosophize."
 - f. Ability to choose, ability to create.

(II) THE FALL AND _____

**(IV) THE “FALL” BROUGHT SIN INTO THE WORLD AND
EFFECTED _____**

A) Don Stewart gives eight responses to the question of evil in the world.

1) We Live In A Fallen World / _____

The Bible recognizes that evil does exist. We live in a world that has fallen into sin.

2) God Is Not _____ For Evil

Evil came as a result from the choice of humanity - not God. By giving humans choice there was the possibility to choose evil. You cannot give people free choice and then prevent them from choosing.

3) God _____ Evil To Exist By His Permission

Although we do not understand why He permits evil in every instance, we know that it only exists because He allows it. Evil cannot ultimately overcome.

4) God Can _____ Evil For Good

We find that God overrules wickedness for the good. In the account of Joseph in the Book of Genesis, we are told that his brothers sold him into slavery - thinking they would never see him again. By God's grace, Joseph became a ruler of all Egypt

5) Evil Is Not _____

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6) When People Break God's Laws, It Will Have _____

“Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow” Galatians 6:7

We cannot break the law of God without suffering the consequences

7) God's Is Involved in _____ The Problem Of Evil

