



5) The Origin of Evil

Our world is in trouble—it is a world consumed with war in the Middle East, famine in Africa, political anger in America, national uncertainty in Europe, and sickness, disease, sorrow, and death everywhere. Why? The Bible draws aside the curtain on one of life’s greatest dramas allowing us to look behind the scenes in the great battle between good and evil.

This lesson will provide a clear answer to who is responsible for this world’s suffering. It will also reveal God’s ultimate solution to the problem of why innocent people suffer. Let’s ask the Bible...

1. Is God the author of human suffering? (Jeremiah 31:3; 1 John 4:8)

2. If God is not responsible for human suffering, where did it originate? (Matthew 13:24-28)

3. Who is the enemy? (Matthew 13:39)

4. Since God is not the author of sin and suffering, whom did sin originate with? (1 John 3:8)

5. Where did this diabolical being come from? (Luke 10:18)

6. Did God create a devil? (Ezekiel 28:12-15)

7. What occurred in Satan’s mind to lead to open rebellion? (Isaiah 14:12-14)

8. What did this open rebellion lead to and what ultimately happened to Satan as a result? (Revelation 12:7-9)

9. How did our world become involved in the conflict between good and evil? (Romans 5:12)

10. As a result of our fall, what does Satan now claim as his? (Luke 4:5-6)

11. What has God done to redeem this planet in rebellion? (John 3:16; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

12. What promises does God give His children, who are caught in the grip of suffering and injustice? (1 Corinthians 10:13; Isaiah 41:13; John 10:10)

13. What is Satan's ultimate fate? (Ezekiel 28:16-19; Revelation 20:10)

14. How can we find peace in the midst of Satan's evil? (Isaiah 26:3; 41:10; Psalm 34:18-19; John 16:33)
