

Why Doesn't God Do Something About Evil?

Big Idea: Considering two of humanity's most troubling questions about suffering and evil in light of the Bible's teaching will help us understand God's role in our world and in our own lives.

I. Why do i_____ people suffer?

A) A_____ the kind of evil to identify the source

1. M_____ evil—*Genesis 4:2b-10*

2. N_____ evil—*Isaiah 24:5-6a*

B) A_____ that good can come from suffering
Romans 8:28; Romans 5:3

II. Why doesn't God d__ s _____ about evil?

A) Richard Dawkins: suffering/evil are no s_____ if no God

B) C.S. Lewis: outrage at suffering/evil helps p_____ there is a God

C) The Bible: suffering/evil result from God's gift of f_____ -w_____

1. God created the u_____ without evil and suffering
Genesis 1:31a

2. God created p_____ human beings *Genesis 1:26a*

3. God created humans with a complete ability to f_____ c_____ between staying in harmony with God or rejecting him.

4. Humankind freely chose to t_____ a_____ from God
Genesis 2:16-17; 3:6 & 22-23; Psalm 14:1-3

5. Evil and suffering entered the world as a result of that s_____ from God. *Romans 5:12*