

# Why Do Bad Things Happen?

You Asked For It | Week 4

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## Who was Asaph?

- Chief worship leader in the tabernacle (1 Chronicles 6:31-32).
- Appointed by King David.
- He served before the ark of the Lord (1 Chronicles 16).
- His sons also served before the ark (1 Chronicles 25:1).
- He wrote 12 Psalms.

## Psalm 73: 11-14 NLT

“What does God know?” they ask. “Does the Most High even know what’s happening?” Look at these wicked people— enjoying a life of ease while their riches multiply. Did I keep my heart pure for nothing? Did I keep myself innocent for no reason? I get nothing but trouble all day long; every morning brings me pain.

## John 16:33 ESV

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

## Romans 8:20 ESV

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

## The Different Causes of Suffering

1. Our own choices

### Proverbs 19:3 ESV

When a man’s folly brings his way to ruin, his heart rages against the Lord.

2. Other’s People’s Choices

3. Spiritual Warfare

### Ephesians 6:12 ESV

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

## 4. God's Discipline & Refinement

### **James 1:2-4 ESV**

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

### **Romans 5:3-4 ESV**

... but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope...

### **Hebrews 12:10b-11 ESV**

... but he [God] disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

### **Psalms 73:16-17 NLT**

I tried to understand why the wicked prosper. But what a difficult task it is! Then I went into your sanctuary, O God, and I finally understood the destiny of the wicked.

### **Psalms 73:24-26**

You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny. Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever.

Central Truth:

**When we don't understand God's hand, we can trust God's heart.**

Jesus experienced:

- Betrayal
- Humiliation
- Rejection
- Abandonment
- Abuse
- Violation
- Torture
- Death

### **Revelation 21:3-4 ESV**

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

### **Romans 8:18 ESV**

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

