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Title: Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People? (Confronting the Giants)

Text: Job 42:1-6

## False Teachings

- 1. Bad things happen because righteous people have done something wrong.**  
**Job 4:8** - As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it.  
**John 9:2** - His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
- 2. Righteous people are exempt from suffering.**  
**Matthew 5:45** - He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.  
**Job 1:10** - "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land.  
**Job 1:9** - "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied.
- 3. Health and wealth are visible signs of God's favor.**  
**Job 2:3** - Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

## The Biblical View of the Suffering of the Innocent and Good People.

- 1. Sin has brought death into the world.**  
**Romans 6:23** - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
**Romans 5:12** - Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—
- 2. God is sovereign over our suffering and uses it to bring glory to Himself.**  
**Romans 8:28** - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
- 3. God permits us to suffer in order to accomplish His will.**  
**Genesis 50:20** – Joseph - You (to his brothers) intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.  
**Philippians 2:8-9** - JESUS and being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

## **When Bad Things Happen to God's People He Responds in 3 Ways.**

### **1. He provides us the Grace to endure.**

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10** - But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

### **2. He delivers us from the suffering or the evil we face.**

**Psalm 18:2** - The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

### **3. He ultimately will rescue us from this world of suffering through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**2 Peter 1:11** - and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.