

Have you ever asked yourself,  
“why is God punishing me?”

Jn 9:1 And as He passed by, He  
saw a man blind from birth. 2  
And His disciples asked Him,  
saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this  
man or his parents, that he should  
be born blind?"

This was a tragedy! The man  
had been born blind.

Consider how you would feel if  
this happened to someone in your  
family.

A common misunderstanding of the Scriptures. Who sinned, this man or his parents. Many people assume that God is punishing them on this earth for some sin or shortcoming.

Jesus tells them – neither.

In 9:3 Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was in order that the works of God might be displayed in him.

When troubles beset us, we need to remember God is not the one causing the trouble.

James 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

Satan and his agents are the cause  
of suffering, pain and death in  
this world!

1 Pet 5:8 Be of sober spirit, be on  
the alert. Your adversary, the  
devil, prowls about like a roaring  
lion, seeking someone to devour.

We have to carefully examine men  
who are often servants of Satan.

2 Cor 11:14 And no wonder, for even  
Satan disguises himself as an angel of  
light. 15 Therefore it is not surprising  
if his servants also disguise  
themselves as servants of  
righteousness; whose end shall be  
according to their deeds.



One of the biggest lies Satan and his helpers tells us is that if you are an obedient child of God, God will protect you from all harm.

They quote Rom 8:28 And we know  
that God causes all things to work  
together for good to those who love  
God, to those who are called  
according to His purpose. 29 For  
whom He foreknew, He also  
predestined to become conformed to  
the image of His Son, that He might  
be the first-born among many  
brethren;

How do all things work together  
for good?

We are to be conformed to His  
image?

Did Jesus ever suffer on this  
earth?

He died on the cross for your sins!

If Jesus suffered and you are  
conformed to His image, you are  
going to suffer!

Does God protect His faithful  
from problems?

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job, and that man was blameless, upright, fearing God, and turning away from evil. ...

8 And the LORD said to Satan,  
"Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

9 Then Satan answered the LORD,  
"Does Job fear God for nothing? 10  
"Hast Thou not made a hedge about him  
and his house and all that he has, on  
every side? Thou hast blessed the work  
of his hands, and his possessions have  
increased in the land. 11 "But put forth  
Thy hand now and touch all that he has;  
he will surely curse Thee to Thy face."



v. 14 Job lost his oxen and donkeys and  
servants

v. 16 lightening wipes out the sheep and  
servants

v. 17 Job loses his camels and the  
servants

v. 19 a wind kills his 7 sons and 3  
daughters

2:7 Job is hit with boils (painful sores)  
from his head to his feet

Eliphaz has the same opinion a lot of Christians and many in the religious world have.

Job 4:7 "Consider now: Who, being innocent, has ever perished? Where were the upright ever destroyed?

Bildad has the same incorrect idea.

Job 8:3 "Does God pervert justice Or  
does the Almighty pervert what is right?  
4 "If your sons sinned against Him, then  
He delivered them into the power of their  
transgression. 5 "If you would seek God  
and implore the compassion of the  
Almighty, 6 If you are pure and upright,  
surely now He would rouse himself for  
you and restore your righteous estate.

Zophar speaks the same foolishness.  
Job 11:14 If iniquity is in your hand, put  
it far away, and do not let wickedness  
dwell in your tents. 15 "Then, indeed,  
you could lift up your face without moral  
defect, and you would be steadfast and  
not fear. 16 "For you would forget your  
trouble, as waters that have passed by,  
you would remember it.

17 "And your life would be brighter than  
noonday; darkness would be like the  
morning. 18 "Then you would trust,  
because there is hope; and you would  
look around and rest securely. 19 "You  
would lie down and none would disturb  
you, and many would entreat your favor.

Job 32:1 Then these three men  
ceased answering Job, because  
he was righteous in his own eyes.

2 But the anger of Elihu the son  
of Barachel the Buzite, of the  
family of Ram burned; against  
Job his anger burned, because he  
justified himself before God.

Job 42:7 And it came about after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me what is right as My servant Job has.

Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar  
accused Job of sin. He was not  
guilty. The Lord allowed Satan  
to tempt Job and then took the  
blame for allowing it to happen  
Job 2:3



Does God always strike sinners  
on this earth?

Luke 13:1 Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And He answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered this fate? 3 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. 4 "Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? 5 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

God does not send bad things to  
punish people here on earth.

God does allow bad things to happen  
to both good and bad people in order  
to warn others to wake up before it is  
too late.

Rev 9:20 And the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; 21 and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

Rev 16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things; (6) for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it." (7) And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments." (8) The fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. (9) Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.

Rev 16:10-11 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, (11) and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

Put the blame where it belongs - on Satan and his agents not on God

Judgment is surely coming –

Heb 9:27 And inasmuch as it is  
appointed for men to die once and  
after this comes judgment

2Th 1:5 All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. (6) God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you (7) and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. (8) He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.



Joh 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

Col 2:11 and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; (12) having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Have you been buried with Him?