

## WHY DOES GOD ALLOW EVIL?

Romans 9:22-24

### Why God allows evil

- To make his wrath known
- To make his power known
- To make the riches of his glory known

### *To make his wrath known*

The Scriptures state that God was *willing* to make his wrath known. In other words, God *wanted* and *desired* to make his wrath known. In Genesis 1-2, the creation is still very good and sin had not yet entered into the world. Yet in the midst of the garden was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and God commanded the man not to eat of it: and he did.

Read Isaiah 45:7

Did the LORD make Lucifer evil?

All of God's creatures have a free will to choose (Joshua 24:15)

Lucifer chose to sin against God by wanting to be like him in a perverted way (Isaiah 14:12-14, 1 Timothy 3:6).

What is the first thing the Scriptures say the LORD hates? A proud look (Proverbs 6:16-19)

Adam and Eve also had a choice to serve the LORD or to disobey him and die.

God Almighty gives his creatures the right to choose and will *never* infringe upon that right. Sadly Lucifer chose to sin and disobey the LORD and so did Adam and Eve. Now God had a choice to make:

Should the LORD immediately deal with sin and destroy his creation at once and start anew?

OR

Should the LORD endure with much long-suffering the wicked and those that delight in evil and sin in order to make certain attributes about him known that could not be known any other way?

The LORD chose the latter. Surely the LORD has suffered long (Isaiah 42:14-16, Luke 18:7, Exodus 34:6-7, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

The vessels are men (Acts 9:15, Romans 9:20-21, 1 Thessalonians 4:4, 2 Timothy 2:19-21)

The vessels of wrath are the wicked.

The vessels of mercy are the elect

God will execute his wrath one day. According to Romans 1, God executes wrath in this life and not only after death (Read Romans 1:18-32). Those that believe not the Son have the wrath of God abiding upon them (John 3:36). God's wrath is unbearable (Psalm 90:11, Psalm 2:12, Psalm 21:9, Psalm 88:16, Isaiah 13:9, Revelation 6:15-17, Revelation 19:15).

*To make his power known*

The word power used here likely refers to authority. Isn't that what this whole struggle has all been about: a King and his kingdom. The Bible's main theme is about a King (Jehovah) and his kingdom (The kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven). Satan disputed God's authority and wanted to take God's place. He was cast out. God Gives Adam and Eve dominion over the earth. All they had to do was obey God. They wanted to be as gods and sinned. From thenceforth the kingdoms of this world have been delivered into Satan's hand and verily the whole world worships him, save those that have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, they worship the Father in spirit and in truth. But the world loves the devil on the throne; they despise the holy One of Israel because their deeds are evil. Nevertheless God is the King and him alone. And he purchased all things back unto himself by his shed blood on Calvary's cross. And one day his coming back to claim that which is rightfully his. Let's be honest, man cannot sit on that throne, neither any of the host of the highest heaven, neither that wicked one the devil himself, but only JESUS CHRIST IS WORTHY and only Jesus Christ can rule in righteousness. The great debate of the ages has always concerned authority. God's word is the authority. The Devil didn't like that and most men hate it too. But in the end, all men will know the power and authority of the Almighty God, through the execution of his wrath on all and upon all the wicked and those that believe not nor trust in Jesus' name. The Scriptures says that God declares what is right (Isaiah 45:19) and not man or the devil. One day all of the creation will know this to be so.

*To make the riches of his glory known*

The riches of the LORD

The riches of his goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering (Romans2:4)

The riches of his wisdom and knowledge (Romans 11:33)

The riches of his grace (Ephesians 1:7)

The riches of understanding and the acknowledgment of the mystery of God (Colossians 2:2)

God is making the riches of his glory known through us (Ephesians 3:10-11), the vessels of mercy, which he afore has prepared us unto glory. In Ephesians 1 all that God is doing through us is to the praise of HIS glory and not ours.

So why does God allow Evil? That his wrath, power, and riches might be made known unto his creation. Think about it, if God did not choose to suffer long with the wicked we would NEVER have known many things about our God. In Exodus 34:6-7, all of those things we would never have known about. As the Scriptures say, where sin did abound, grace did much more abound. Without evil, we would not know of God's mercy, grace, and longsuffering and great love towards us.

The question is this: Why did God want to make his wrath and power and glory known?  
And what does this reveal about your God?