**QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK**

Part 6: Why Does God Allow Suffering?

**INTRODUCTION**

**BIGGER VIEW OF SUFFERING**

Other Views

Bible’s view

**BIGGER VIEW OF SIN**

Seriousness of Sin

*God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.* *Genesis 1:31*

*To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labour you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” 17To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. Genesis 3:16-17:*

What about our rights?

*Luke 13:1- 5*

**BIGGER VIEW OF GOD**

Sovereignty

*“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” Genesis 50:20*

*Amos 4*

*we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;****4****perseverance, character; and character, hope. Romans 5:3-4*

Mystery

*“I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.* ***3****You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.” Job 42:2-3*

**BIGGER VIEW OF JESUS**

God who suffered

*“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” - which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Mark 15:34*

God who brings hope

*Romans 8:18-23*

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.****4****‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+21%3A3-4&version=NIV#fen-NIV-31058a)*] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” Revelation 21:3-4*

**CONCLUSION**