

THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

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QUESTIONS

**Where does evil come from?
Did God create it?**

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**Why didn't God make man
so he couldn't sin?**

WHERE DOES EVIL COME FROM?

- Satan
 - Created good (Col. 1:16), but sinned
 - Has workers (2 Cor. 11:14-15; 2 Pet. 2:18-19)

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Why doesn't a "good" God stamp out all evil?

BUT WHY DOESN'T A “GOOD” GOD STAMP OUT ALL EVIL?

- *If He did where would He stop?*
- Lam 3:22
 - *22* Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed,
 - Because His compassions fail not.

GOD HAS DONE SOMETHING ABOUT EVIL!

- He has Given Civil Government (Rom. 13:1-7)
- He Warns the Evildoer of Impending Judgment (2 Cor. 5:10)
- He has given the church to be “leaven” to change society (Matt. 13:33)
- He has given the most powerful weapon of all – love (1 Cor. 13:4-7)

HOW CAN WE LIVE IN THIS EVIL WORLD?

- Don't become tolerant of evil (2 Pet. 2:7)
- Get angry and call for repentance (Acts 17:30)
- Realize that this is not our home (1 Pet. 2:11)
- Long for the time of perfect righteousness (Rev. 21:27)

CONCLUSION

- Aren't we glad that God doesn't treat us with perfect justice?
- He has extended His mercy unto us.