

# Why Does God Get the Blame?

(Compiled by Paul R. Blake from multiple sources)

Introduction:

A. Job 10:1-9

1. Explain the context: Job is a righteous man, and Satan wants to corrupt him. Satan challenges God to see if he can get Job to curse God. God allows Satan to do as he desires to so tempt Job to curse God. Job's friends come to console him, but instead tell him that God is punishing him. While Job had not sinned up until that point, he mistakenly attributes his condition to God instead of Satan.
2. When bad things happen, who do people usually blame first? Why?
3. "Sometimes God calms the storm, and sometimes God lets the storm rage and calms His child instead."
4. "Why?!" you ask. Because some people are just evil people, and evil people do evil things. The fact that you are racking your brain trying to understand it, just means that you're not one of those people."
5. "Sometimes I want to ask God why He allows poverty, indifference, and injustice in this world when He could do something about it. But I'm afraid He will ask me the same question."

B. Why do people blame God for all bad things?

## I. THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT SOMEONE ELSE IS RESPONSIBLE

A. Satan is and always has been man's adversary. Satan means adversary.

1. John 8:44; 1Peter 5:8-9; Gen. 3:13-19
2. Satan is ultimately responsible for all of the evil in this world, not God.

## II. PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE WHEN THEY CREATE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS

A. Abortion, divorce, euthanasia, murder, and theft all have one thing in common. They all are ways in which people try to escape the responsibility they carry for their own dilemmas.

1. Gal. 6:7-8; Matt. 27:24; Ex. 32:22-24
2. One can take responsibility for his own problems and recognize that he can often get into hurtful situations, or he can deny it and blame God.

## III. GOD IS AN EASY TARGET

A. Many folks who find themselves in difficulty frequently want to blame the one in charge. God is in charge of everything; so ultimately, they reason He is to blame when something goes wrong.

1. In addition, God doesn't correct them when they do - 2Peter 3:9-11
2. One day God will answer them - Acts 17:30-31

## IV. SOME BELIEVE THEY HAVE NO FREE WILL

A. They are convinced that God is responsible for all choices of humankind.

1. God gave all of us self-determination
2. Deut. 30:19; Joshua 24:15; Matt. 7:13-14

## **V. MANY BELIEVE THAT GOD MUST IMMEDIATELY FIX THEIR PROBLEMS**

- A. They reason that since God hasn't fixed their problems, He must not care.
  - 1. Child to parents: "If you really love me, you'll give me candy, or a smart phone, or freedom from my chores, or freedom to do what I want."
  - 2. "God, if you really love me, you will..."
- B. God has not promised to fix anything except the problem of sin
  - 1. James 4:3; 1John 5:14; 2Cor. 12:7-9

## **VI. SINCE GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING BAD IN THEM**

- A. God created everything in this universe - Gen. 1:1
- B. Everything God created was good - Gen. 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31
  - 1. But Satan corrupted some of those things to evil purposes
  - 2. Humankind was created good and sinless, but they sinned and damaged what God created - Gen. 3:17-19; Rom. 8:19-22
- C. God is responsible for the good - James 1:17
  - 1. But He is not responsible for evil; we are responsible for our behavior
    - a. Rom. 2:6-11

## **VII. PEOPLE ASSUME THAT BAD THINGS DO NOT HAPPEN FOR GOOD PURPOSES**

- A. When bad things happen, people often consider it punishment. But the fact is that not all bad things produce bad fruit.
  - 1. Some medical procedures, athletic training
- B. God wants us to understand that even bad things produce good results
  - 1. Matt. 5:11-12; 2Cor. 12:9-10; James 1:2-4

## **VIII. PEOPLE OFTEN FORGET TO PRAISE GOD**

- A. When people forget to praise God, it is easy to fall into criticizing Him.
  - 1. God is never worthy of criticism. He is only worthy of praise.
  - 2. Job 35:9-16; Psalm 18:3; Rev. 4:11

Conclusion:

"Disappointment is inevitable. But to become discouraged, there's a choice I make. God would never discourage me. He would always point me to Himself to trust Him. Therefore, my discouragement is from Satan. As you go through the emotions that we have, hostility is not from God, bitterness, unforgiveness, all of these are attacks from Satan. Because God has made us for Himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in Him." (Augustine of Hippo)

- B. 1Cor. 2:9; Isa. 49:15; Psalm 103:13-14, 121:3