

# Tragedy

The Anguished Phone call:

Who did it happen to?

How did it happen?

Where did it happen?

When did it happen?

**Why did it happen?**

# An Unblemished Mirror of God

- Gen 1:4 Light was **good**
- Gen 1:10 Dry land(earth) and seas were **good**
- Gen 1:12 Plants and trees with seed - were **good**
- Gen 1:18 The sun moon and stars were **good**
- Gen 1:21 Creatures in the water & air were **good**
- Gen 1:25 Beasts, cattle, everything on ground was **good**.
- Gen 1:31 All that He had made:
- **Behold, it was very good.**

# When **Why** Turns to God

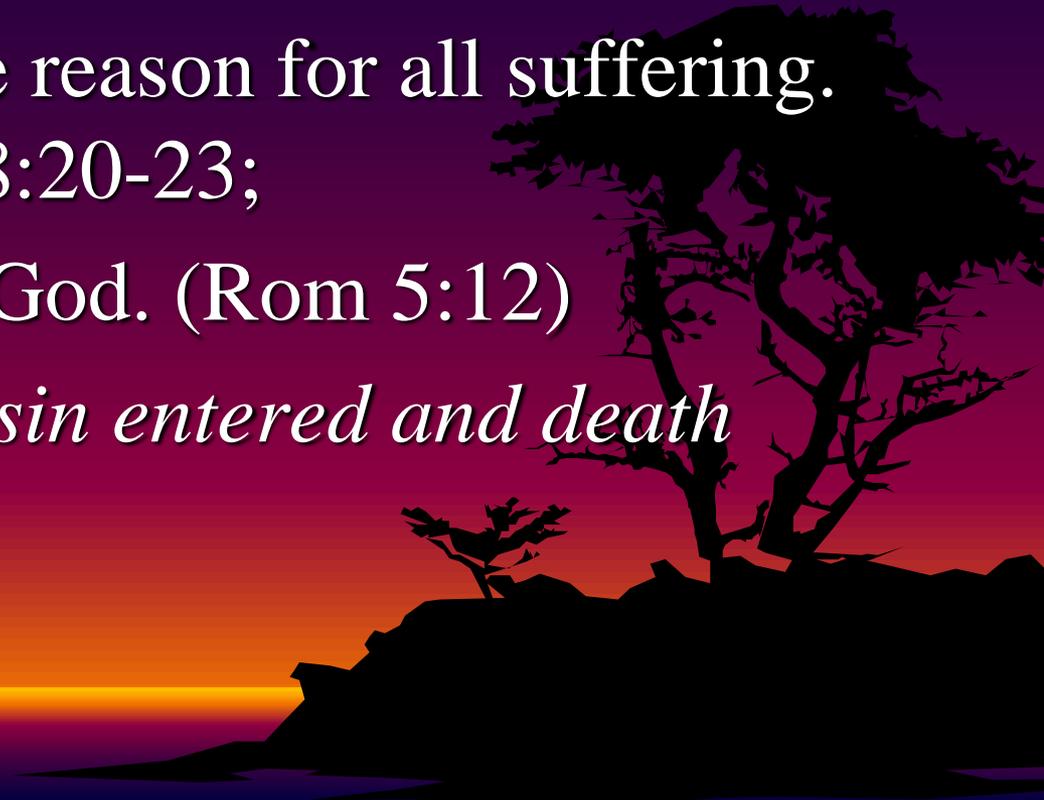
Why is **suffering** in the world?

Is God the **cause**?

Healthy Attitude 1:

# Suffering We Cannot Understand

- Healthy Attitude # 1
- God made His creation very good!(Gen 1:31)
- The curse – A just penalty for man’s sin(Gen 3:17)
- The curse of sin is the reason for all suffering.  
Eccl. 1:13-15; Rom. 8:20-23;
- Man is to blame, not God. (Rom 5:12)
- Through **ONE MAN** sin entered and death through sin.



# The Wrath of God

**Ps 90:1-2 God's Blessings are eternal**

**90:3 God turns to destruction when we need to return to Him.**

**90:7-9 Anger/Wrath, Iniquity/Sin**

**90:10-12: Seventy – Eighty Years**

**Labor/Sorrow**

**Power of your Anger So Is your Wrath**

# Transition from Love to Wrath

God saw **ALL** Very Good Genesis 1:31

Man initiated the Curse Gen 3:17-19

*Through one man sin entered the world and death through sin.* Rom 5:12

Now **ALL** is vanity. Ecc 1:2

Creation subjected to vanity. Rom 8:20-23

God did **NOT** initiate!

God always responded to man's actions!

# Man's Actions Preceded God's

First Death – Caused by Man Gen 4:8

Second Death – Caused by Man Gen 4:23

Man Filled earth with violence Gen 6:11-13

God regretted/repented Gen 6:5-7

End of all flesh 6:12-13

Every living thing; 7:4; 21-27

# **After Flood/ Curse**

**Gen 9:1-3**

**Fear and Dread of You.**

**All animals now for food.**

**Man's lifespan slowly drops to 70-80**

**Murder a crime punished by death**

**That's all the details God gives**

**Transition: ALL very good – Vanity!**

# Lessons from Job

Job 1:1,8 A godly man(best in earth)

1:9-10 A Hedge

1:10-11 Satan's Charge. Suffering would change everything.

1:13-22 Job's Character – Would not charge God with wrong.

2:4-9 Satan's second charge

Job left alone to ponder circumstances

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15-21

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Eliphaz: Job 4:7-8

# Eliphaz: Suffering is God's punishment

*"Remember now, who ever perished being innocent? Or where were the upright ever cut off? 8 Even as I have seen, Those who plow iniquity And sow trouble reap the same. 9 By the blast of God they perish, And by the breath of His anger they are consumed. Job 4:7-9*

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# Bildad: Suffering Due to Sin

*If your sons have sinned against Him, He has cast them away for their transgression.*

*5 If you would earnestly seek God And make your supplication to the Almighty, 6 If you were pure and upright, Surely now He would awake for you, And prosper your rightful dwelling place. 7 Though your beginning was small, Yet your latter end would increase abundantly. Job 8:4-7*

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Zophar: Job 11:3-6

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*Should not the multitude of words be answered?  
And should a man full of talk be vindicated? 3  
Should your empty talk make men hold their  
peace? And when you mock, should no one  
rebuke you? 4 For you have said, 'My doctrine  
is pure, And I am clean in your eyes.' 5 But oh,  
that God would speak, And open His lips against  
you, 6 That He would show you the secrets of  
wisdom! For they would double your prudence.  
Know therefore that God exacts from you Less  
than your iniquity deserves. Job 11:2-6*

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They charged God.

God charged them.

# God Answers Them

*the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has. 8 Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you. For I will accept him, lest I deal with you according to your folly; because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has." Job 42:7-8*

# Job's Conclusions

Job's Words:

*For He crushes me with a tempest, And multiplies my wounds without cause. Job 9:17*

*It is all one thing; Therefore I say, 'He destroys the blameless and the wicked.' Job 9:22*

*The earth is given into the hand of the wicked.*

*He covers the faces of its judges. If it is not He, who else could it be? Job 9:24*

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*My soul loathes my life; I will give free course to my complaint, I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. 2 I will say to God, 'Do not condemn me; Show me why You contend with me. 3 Does it seem good to You that You should oppress, That You should despise the work of Your hands, And smile on the counsel of the wicked? Job 10:1-3*

# God's Response to Job

*Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: 2 "Who is this who darkens counsel By words without knowledge? 3 Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. Job 38:1-4*

*Moreover the Lord answered Job, and said: 2 "Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes God, let him answer it." Job 40:1-2*

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*"Would you indeed annul My judgment? Would you condemn Me that you may be justified? Job 40:8*

*Then Job answered the Lord and said: 2 "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. 3 You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. Job 42:1-3*

**Healthy Attitude # 2: It is always better to admit our ignorance and inability to understand than it is to guess.**

**Healthy Attitude #3: God is too great for us to pass judgment upon Him. When things occur which we do not understand and cannot reconcile in our mind, it is wiser to admit ignorance and limitations lest we fall into the condemnation of Job.**