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Title: Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People? (Confronting the Giants)

Text: Job 42:1-6

False Teachings

- 1. Bad things happen because righteous people have done something wrong.**
Job 4:8 - As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it.
John 9:2 - His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
- 2. Righteous people are exempt from suffering.**
Matthew 5:45 - He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.
Job 1:10 - "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land.
Job 1:9 - "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied.
- 3. Health and wealth are visible signs of God's favor.**
Job 2:3 - Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

The Biblical View of the Suffering of the Innocent and Good People.

- 1. Sin has brought death into the world.**
Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 5:12 - Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—
- 2. God is sovereign over our suffering and uses it to bring glory to Himself.**
Romans 8:28 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
- 3. God permits us to suffer in order to accomplish His will.**
Genesis 50:20 – Joseph - You (to his brothers) intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.
Philippians 2:8-9 - JESUS and being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

When Bad Things Happen to God's People He Responds in 3 Ways.

1. He provides us the Grace to endure.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 - But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2. He delivers us from the suffering or the evil we face.

Psalm 18:2 - The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

3. He ultimately will rescue us from this world of suffering through Jesus Christ our Savior.

2 Peter 1:11 - and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.