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Title: Do You Think These Suffered Because They Were Sinners?

Text: Luke 13:1-5

One of the biggest complaints to the existence of God is:

If there is a God, then why does He cause people to suffer?

The answer is:

God does not cause the suffering and calamities.

**Suffering and death are in the world because mankind sinned against God.**

**Genesis 2:16-17** - And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.

**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 people, because all sinned

**Natural disasters, accidents, evil acts, wars, etc. are all the result of a world in chaos.**

**Romans 8:20-21** - For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

**Jesus taught us that tribulation is a natural experience of this world.**

**John 16:33** - "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

**Jesus' work on Calvary removed the curse of sin and made all things new.**

**Revelation 21:5** - He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.