

WHY DO GOOD THINGS HAPPEN TO BAD PEOPLE

Ps. 144:1-4

We always say “why do bad things happen to good people”?

This is usually said when someone is feeling sorry for themselves or think they are going through something they don't deserve.

If we ever see ourselves as we are, we will never say that again. Instead, we will say “why do good things happen to bad people”?

Je 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

God is absolutely holy and man is absolutely unholy.

Most people see themselves as “good”.

The world says “love yourself”.

The bible predicts this type of mentality in the last days.

Re 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

We need to realize, we are not “good”.

WE NEED TO SEE THE

1. **FLAW OF MAN** v. 3 “son of man”

This term means that all mankind is born of flesh

It means “imperfection” or “defect”

We are born flawed.

Like a crack in a coffee cup. It can never used as intended

Ps 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Ps 5:9 ...their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre...

Ec 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

Job 25:6 How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, which is a worm?

“worm” = maggot

Seeing how “flawed” we are, why should God even look in our direction, let alone do good to us?

2. **FRAILITY OF MAN** v. 4 “vanity”

“vanity” = unsatisfactory or to fail

It like us failing tests in school

Job 4:19 ...them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust...

When we compare God with man, why does He even clutter up the earth with our presence?

Ps 8:3-4 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Man lives about 70 years and the world is worse when he leaves than when he came. He contaminates everything he touches.

3. **FLESH OF MAN** v. 4 “man”

“man” = in Hebrew is “aw-dawm” It means “adam”

This tells us that we are flesh. Flesh has no desire for God.

Flesh runs from God.

Flesh draws us away from God. The song writer said “prone to wander, Lord I feel it”.

Why would God do anything good for someone like me?

WHY DID GOD.....

1. **CONVICT ME**

I was rotten, but He came to me and convicted me.

I had no desire for God. I was doing as I pleased....but He came after me and showed me my sin.

2. **CALL ME**

Why would God be willing to use me?

I am so unworthy.

Who would expect such a thing. When a mechanic has a job to do, he uses the best of tools.

When a doctor performs surgery, he uses the best of tools.

So, why would God be willing to use someone so unworthy?

3. **COMFORT ME**

We're living in a stressful time.

He come to us and comforts us even though we don't deserve it.

Is 66:13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted...

2 Co 1:3-4 ...the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation...

4. **CHASTEN ME**

Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Like a child playing near a fireplace. His father knows if he doesn't stop the child, he will end up getting burnt. So, he pulls him away in order to keep him from getting hurt.

He sees me heading down a path that is going to lead me to heartache and ruin. He chastens me in order to turn me, to keep me from getting hurt.

He could zap us in an instant, but He is longsuffering and deals with us in love and patience.

5. **CLEANSE ME**

He forgives us.

I can understand God being patient with the lost. After all, they are blind and deaf. Who wouldn't have mercy on a blind and deaf person.

But, we who are saved have had our eyes opened. And still, we walk straight into sin.

But, He is merciful and patient. He is willing to forgive.

Why does He do so many good things to people who don't deserve it?