

Notes

HOW CAN A  
**GOOD GOD**  
ALLOW SO  
MANY **BAD**  
**THINGS** TO  
HAPPEN  
TO **GOOD**  
**PEOPLE?**

8 PRIMARY QUESTIONS SERIES

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## Two Common Assumptions

1. I deserve better from God.
2. I am wiser than God regarding what I need and therefore my agenda is better than God's agenda.

### *Rabbi Kushner's perspective*

Because man is good and God is good and bad things happen to good people, God is not involved in bad things, not only not allowing them, but not able to stop them from happening.

## Two Presuppositions of the Christian Faith

1. No one deserves good from God
2. Man is never wiser than God regarding what man needs and, therefore, man's agenda is never as good as God's agenda.

There are more important things to God than keeping sinful man from suffering.

### *Joni Eareckson Tada*

God allows what He hates to accomplish what He loves.

4. It would be best if God would forgive everyone and punish no one.

## Three Things God Loves

1. He loves exposing man's sin so as to make him seek God.

### *When God Weeps, Tada & Estes, pg. 142 & 143*

The beauty of being exposed and empty is that God can then cover you. Like a surface that must be scrubbed clean before you can bond anything to it, the bonding of intimacy between God and us won't adhere until the film of dirt

goes, the ambitions, the vanity, everything that sets itself up against others and God....Affliction is the gristmill where pride is reduced to powder, leaving our souls naked, bare, and bonded to Christ. And it feels beautiful.

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### *James 1:2-4*

<sup>2</sup>Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, <sup>3</sup>knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. <sup>4</sup>And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

### *2 Corinthians 1:8-9*

We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure and we thought we would never live through it. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves, but on God.

### *Romans 5:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; <sup>4</sup>and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.