



REASONING FOR HOPE: Why God Allows Evil and Suffering

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Romans 8:18 (NLT)

1. Suffering Was Not God's Original Plan

Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

Genesis 1:31a (NLT)

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

Romans 5:12 (NLT)

2. God Understands Our Suffering

He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.

Isaiah 53:3a (NLT)

... "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Matthew 27:46 (NLT)

3. God Uses Suffering for Good

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

³We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

Romans 5:3-4 (NLT)

4. Evil and Suffering Will Not Have the Final Word

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

Romans 8:18 (NLT)

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.

Revelation 21:4 (NLT)

5. God Rewards Our Faithfulness and Redeems Our Suffering

God might kill me, but I have no other hope.

Job 13:15a (NLT)

He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others.

2 Corinthians 1:4a (NLT)