

**Sermon: "What About Evil?"**

Text: Various

Is "the problem of evil" the Achilles' heel of biblical Christianity? When we are confronted with this objection, should we turn and run? No! Look at these FOUR hard facts from Scripture that can direct our conversation:

**1. Evil \_\_\_\_\_.**

**a. \_\_\_\_\_ evil.**

Genesis 3; Sin has affected all of mankind and all of creation.

Romans 8:22 ESV "whole creation groans and labors...."

**b. \_\_\_\_\_ evil.**

Genesis 6:8 ESV "The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

**c. \_\_\_\_\_ evil .**

Ephesians 6:12 ESV "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

**2. Evil exists by \_\_\_\_\_.**

Mark 10:27 ESV "Is anything too hard for the LORD?"

Matthew 19:26 ESV "...With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Psalms 115:3 ESV "Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases."

Job 23:13 ESV "But he is unchangeable, and who can turn him back? What he desires, that he does."

Isa. 46:8-10 ESV "Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done..."

1 John 3:20 ESV God "knows everything..."

Deut. 32:29 ESV "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

Isa. 45:5-7 ESV "I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things."

**God is not evil! God is never the source of evil; He remains untouched by evil.**

Psalms 5:4 ESV "For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you."

James 1:13 ESV "...God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one."

1 John 1:5 ESV says "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all...."

**God *permits* evil—but He never *commits* it.**

**3. Evil exists \_\_\_\_\_.**

John 9 is just one of many examples we could draw out from the Scriptures where some kind of evil was being orchestrated to accomplish God's divine purposes. See also: Pharaoh (Ex. 14:17), Joseph (Gen. 50:20), Job, and even Jesus' death (Rom. 5:8)!

Romans 8:28 ESV "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

"In God's hands, intended evil becomes eventual good." -Max Lucado

**4. Evil exists \_\_\_\_\_, but it will \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_.**

Ephesians 1:20-23 ESV "... from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet..."

Acts 17:30 ESV "...has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

2 Peter 3:13 ESV "...in which righteousness dwells."

**Evil has impacted all of us; no one is exempted. We deserve death forever, but God loved us so much, He sent Jesus to be our Savior and solution!**

**Come to Christ today by faith!**

