

Yes, *GOD IS MORE THAN FAIR*, even though His ways are difficult to comprehend at times.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (*Romans 3:23*).

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (*Romans 5:8*).

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (*Romans 6:23*).

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (*John 3:16-18*).

Jesus says, “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (*John 12:48*).

Could it be that God has allowed you to go through some difficulties in life in order that you may enter into a personal relationship with Him?

When you place your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ *alone*, God’s Son, sincerely repenting of your sins and believing that He suffered, died, and arose from the dead, you have God’s promise of salvation and life with Him forever! God’s grace guarantees that you will not be condemned or experience His wrath (*Romans 8:1*). Don’t delay! Today is the day of salvation (*II Corinthians 6:2*)-- once you die, it’s TOO LATE-- your destiny is sealed -- *forever!* Which will it be -- God’s eternal joy, or, God’s eternal judgement?? And yes, GOD IS ALWAYS FAIR-- He cannot be otherwise! **“Believe (on) the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved!** Receive God’s gift of eternal life FOR YOU!



## ***Why Does A Good God Allow Evil?***

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**“Yet the children of your people say, ‘The way of the LORD is not fair. But it is *their way which is not fair*’”**

(Ezekiel 33:17).

If you are honest, this question has probably perplexed you more than once. Let us dig just a little bit deeper than we might normally do:

1. We must understand that there are two kinds of evil -- moral and natural. Isaiah 45:7 mentions that God creates evil of the natural kind, such as cataclysms, etc. He certainly is not the author of moral evil (*James 1:13*).
2. Let us admit that we do not have all the answers to life. Only God does! Furthermore, God does not owe us an explanation (*Deuteronomy 29:29*).
3. God is perfect and has our lives planned to the minutest details (*Matthew 6:25-34, 10:30*).

4. God’s plan includes suffering and evil; the moral evil stemming from man’s wrong choices in rejecting Christ (*Romans 5:12*).

5. Remember that not all “bad” is evil (Genesis 50:20; Romans 8:28). Medicine may taste awful at the time taken, but will ultimately yield positive results.

These are just some basic presuppositions regarding this universal concern. Now please allow me to deal with some of the purposes of suffering.

## ***Why People Suffer . . .***

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***“Have you suffered so many things in vain — if indeed it was in vain?”***  
(*Galatians 3:4*).

Our discussion now moves from generalities to specifics. Due to the brevity of space, I will only outline some reasons:

1. To keep us dependent upon God (Deuteronomy 8:2, 3).

2. To purge and purify us from our sins (Psalm 51:1-7).
3. To build character and maturity in us (John 15:2).
4. To make us more sympathetic to the plight of others (II Corinthians 1:2-7).
5. To exalt Christ instead of ourselves (II Corinthians 12:7-10).
6. To help us appreciate some of God’s attributes more fully (James 5:11).
7. To bring us to God (I Peter 3:18; 4:1 ff.). That is, He wants to save us from our sins and an eternal hell, and sometimes suffering is the way He chooses to get our attention and lead us to His salvation.

These are only a few reasons or purposes why God has allowed suffering and trials to enter our lives. He has done so by divine design: Nothing that happens to us is by chance, fate or accident (Ephesians 1:11)