

Why does God allow suffering?



God created the first humans perfect ([Deuteronomy 32:4,5](#); [Job 14:4](#); [Ecclesiastes 7:29](#)). If Adam and Eve had obeyed God, there would never have been suffering or problems. They were warned of the dire consequences of disobedience ([Genesis 2:16,17](#)). Yet, they chose to believe lies, and rejected God's truthful warnings ([Genesis 3:1-6](#); [John 8:44](#)). God mercifully allowed humans to live long enough to produce the human race, albeit with inherited sin ([Romans 8:21](#); [5:12](#)). But, God allowed the consequences of sin to develop, without his intervention. Why? Because to interfere with the natural results of sin would be to help Satan's cause, that is, that people could violate God's standards with impunity ([Genesis 3:4-5](#); [John 8:44](#)).

God has provided his creation to prove his existence ([Psalm 19:1-7](#); [Romans 1:20](#)), and the Bible to guide us in living ([2 Timothy 3:16,17](#); [Psalm 119:97-15](#)). In the future, God will undo all the harm that has been done ([Isaiah 65:17](#); [John 5:28,29](#); [Revelation 21:4](#)). God has a precise timetable set for these tremendous changes for the better, and has advised humans that they can be beneficiaries of these changes, if they will meet his standards, which are not too difficult ([Psalm 15:1-5](#); [Habakkuk 2:3](#); [Zephaniah 1:14](#); [John 3:16,36](#); [1 John 2:1,2](#); [5:3,4](#)). He has not told us the exact time for these radical changes, but has warned us to be ready at all times ([Matthew 24:37-25:46](#)).