

Why do bad things happen to good people?

¹ There were some present at that same time who were telling Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

² And answering, He said to them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the Galileans, because they suffered such things?"

³ I tell you, 'No!' But if you do not repent, you will all likewise perish.

⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them; do you think that these were worse transgressors than all the people living in Jerusalem?

⁵ I tell you, 'No!' But if you do not repent, you will all likewise perish."

Luke 13:1-5, PLT

Bad things happen because of

God's will
Acts 2:23 "prearranged plan" + Rev.13:8

God's will
1Thess.4:3 "It is God's will that you..."

God's will
Isaiah 45:7 "I form... I create..."

Bad things happen because of

Satan can cause problems
Luke 13:10-18

Satan can cause problems
2 Corinthians 4:3-4

Satan's problems can all be
2 Corinthians 2:10-11 + James 4:6-8

Bad things happen because of

The world is because of
Romans 8:20-22

The world is governed by
Matthew 5:45

Bad things happen because of

Bad things happen Rom.7:22-23

Bad things happen Jas.1:14-15

Bad things happen Gen.50:20

Bad things happen Num.15:22

Because bad things happen, I

My prayer priorities for the week beginning 13 June 2021

S 13 Mary F; Jean H

M 14 Helen & George H

T 15 Manny, Sam, Asher, Austin

W 16 Tony & Diane; Chris H

T 17 Elsie & Bert; Agnes

F 18 Karen & Hung

S 19 Sopi, Marieta, Jayden

S 20 Alison & Richard, Brian

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Why do so many people ask why bad things happen to good people?
2. What is an example of "an act of God"; and why is this a poor title for unfortunate events?
3. Why doesn't God intervene and stop you every time it looks like you might have a bad thought, say a bad word, or do a bad action?
4. If we have free will, how can Isaiah 45:7 be true? How do we know where God's sovereignty butts up against human free will?
5. Read James 4:6-8. Why is the order of each step important?
6. Joni Eareckson Tada said, God permits what He hates to accomplish what He loves... salvation for sinners; us growing more like Jesus. What does she mean by this statement?

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