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oday we will study a question that arises in almost all people's
HEARTS and MINDS !

One has only to open the newspaper or turn on the television everyday to see what **A TERRIBLE AND PITIABLE STATE** our world is in !

 Somewhere we read of **A NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE** happy and returning from their honeymoon and suddenly on their way back both die in a terrible head on collision **NOT OF THEIR FAULT AT ALL !!**



THE QUESTION THAT ARISES IN EVERYONE'S HEARTS IS.... ⇒ WHY ?

 Then we see **INNOCENT BABIES** dying within a few days and months of birth for lack of food or medicine ⇒ **WHY ?**



ONE WONDERS WHY THEY WERE BORN AT ALL !

Thy Word is Truth



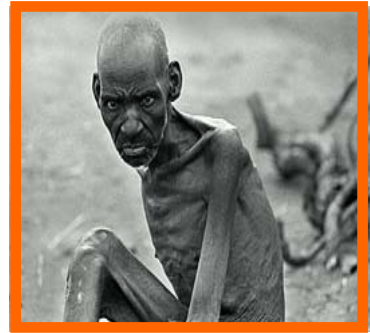
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☞ Then we see hundreds and thousands of innocent people dying of killer diseases and epidemics like AIDS, SAARS, SMALL POX, CANCER etc ⇒ **WHY ?**



☞ Then we see wars and revolutions destroying so many lives of poor innocent people in large numbers every year ⇒ **WHY ?**

☞ Then we see open injustice and cheating and rowdyism of stronger people dominating over weaker people !! And nothing happens to these ones who do evil ! ⇒ **WHY ?**



They seem to get away scot - free !

☞ Then we see murder, cruelty, famine and rape and no justice is meted out To the offenders (wrong doers) ⇒ **WHY ?**



☞ And if all this was not enough there are NATURAL DISASTERS like floods, fires, cyclones, earthquakes, whirlwinds, etc.....

...which create great suffering and sorrow for thousands of people and none are able to control the fury of these natural forces ⇒ **WHY ?**

☞ And then again we see that every year thousands became crippled and lose hands, legs, eyes, and spinal cords and are forced to continue living in such handicapped conditions for the rest of their lives ⇒ **WHY ?**



Oh! The cry is in so many hearts! What is the ANSWER ?

☞ DOES NOT GOD CARE ?

☞ CAN HE NOT PREVENT ALL THESE TROUBLES ?

☞ WHY DOES HE DO NOTHING ?

These are very important questions in the HEARTS OF MILLIONS of people.

☞ Infact many good people having NOT found satisfactory answers and **EXPLANATIONS** to these questions have reached the conclusion that there is **NO GOD** - for they reason out that if there was a God



- THEN, WOULD HE NOT DO SOMETHING TO CHANGE ALL THESE CONDITIONS ?

 Would He not HAVE MERCY seeing all the suffering, sorrow and pain ?

 WHAT, THEN IS THE ANSWER ?

This is NOT a question of only today but reaches back into ALL the history of man !!

- Even God's HOLY MEN and PROPHETS have searched for these answers -

Let us hear the words of The Wise Teacher King Solomon on the matter in -

Ecc1 8:16,17

"When I applied mine heart to know wisdom,.....then I saw all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun though a wise man seek to know it yet shall be not be able to find it..."

 Did You see that ? Even the wisest man came to this conclusion !

And the patient Job said -

Job 10:3

"Does it seem good to You that You should oppress, that You should despise the work of Your hands...."

 Yes ! Again these are words spoken by the lips and unspoken in the hearts of millions !

And the prophet Habakkuk said -

Habakkuk 1:2

"O LORD,how long shall I cry, and You will not hear? even cry out to you, Violence! And You will not save".

 Ah ! Again, the cry of millions of hearts !

And then we hear the words of David the psalmist in -

Psalms 44:23

"Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? Arise, cast us not off forever"

Here King David accuses God of being asleep when he himself wrote in another Psalm

that God does not sleep at all - Psalms 121:3

Yes ! They searched but could not find the answers !

They were PUZZLED !!

The more reason to be puzzled is that, they read in the scriptures that

God is JUST and GOOD and HOLY and hates evil of every kind -

Psalm 5:4,5

"Thou art NOT a God that hath pleasure in wickedness; neither shall EVIL dwell with thee... Thou hatest all workers of iniquity"

.....Additionally they read that God is ALL POWERFUL and



ALMIGHTY and NOTHING can oppose His will -

Thus we read again in -

Isaiah 14:27

*“For the Lord of hosts has purposed and who shall disannul it ?
and His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?...”*

SO THEN WHY DOES A JUST, LOVING AND ALL POWERFUL GOD PERMIT SO MUCH EVIL IN THIS WORLD ?

 **THERE MUST BE AN ANSWER !**

But as we have seen God's holy men and PROPHETS did not find the answer !

Do you think we can FIND THE ANSWER, TODAY ?

Who has it ?

Why, it is God Himself ! See and hear His own words in -

Jeremiah 33:3

“Call unto me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou KNOWEST NOT...”

Imagine ! The Great God and creator of the universe Himself is **INVITING** questions to be asked of Him ! Is it difficult to believe ?

Let us read of the same again in -

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord...”

 See ! God is **HIMSELF INVITING QUESTIONS !**
 **BUT IT IS SO SAD THAT HOW FEW EVER ASK HIM!**

Infact this matter was confirmed and repeated by the Son - Our Lord Jesus when he said these words in -

Matthew 7:7

“Ask and it shall be given you: seek ye shall find, Knock and it shall be opened unto you”

Yes ! Jesus invites to - **ASK, SEEK, and KNOCK !**

And **NOTE** the promise in verse 8 -

*“For **EVERYONE** that asketh receiveth... And he that seeketh findeth and to him that knocketh if shall be opened”.*

Yes! It says - **“every one” !**

THIS IS A GREAT AND WONDERFUL PROMISE FROM GOD !

But few have really understood these words of Jesus !
They have thought this is a **“asking”** and **“seeking”** for earthly goods !



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- jobs, houses, vehicles, loans, brides, bridegrooms etc.

BUT THAT WAS NOT WHAT JESUS MEANT ?

 What did Jesus teach about our every earthly need ?

We read His words in -

Matthew 6:8

"..... Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, BEFORE YE ASK HIM".

Yes! God, our Father knows our earthly needs of food, clothes, shelter etc.

If earthly parents are aware of and plan and provide for their children EVERY

need even without being asked - how much MORE would God, our Father do so !

This **PROMISE** is **NOT CONCERNING** the earthly needs at all !

**This is a SPIRITUAL PROMISE for SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS
and KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING.**

Before we go to God for the answer let us remember that

we hope for the **ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION** today not

because we are **VERY WISE** but simply because we are living at the time of the **END !**

So if we would go to God with this question He would enlighten us with the answer -

SO HOW DOES GOD SPEAK AND ANSWER ?

God speaks to us through his word and that is why we read in-

Isaiah 34:16

*"Seek ye (search) out of the book of the Lord (The Bible) and read;
no one of these shall fail...None shall want her mate..."*

Yes! This is God's **GUARANTEE** to all who would **SEARCH !**

Thus searching through the word of the Lord we find

this **IMPORTANT VERSE** which begins **THE ANSWER** to

the question of today's subject in -

Ecclesiastes 1:13

"This sore travail hath God given to the sons of men to be EXERCISED therewith"

And again in -

Ecclesiastes 3:10

"I have seen the travail that God has given to the sons of men to be EXERCISED in it"

 What does it mean ?

 What is this **"SORE TRAVAIL"** ?

It is the present conditions in the world - of suffering, sorrow,
injustice, cheating, murder, natural disasters, hunger, disease and death.

It is simply called *"sore travail"* !!

 Now what is it that we read ? ...




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That God has given (or permitted) these evil conditions
to mankind to *"be exercised in it"*

WHAT IS MEANT BY THIS?

Does it mean like how physical exercise benefits the body,
so too this evil experience will benefit man ?

 Yes ! Somehow mankind is going to benefit from this
terrible experience and painful conditions !!

There are great lessons that are going to be learnt by being *"exercised in it"*

THUS THIS MEANS GOD'S PERMISSION OF EVIL HAS A PLAN AND PURPOSE !

This is what God tells us in -

Isaiah 66:1

"Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and EARTH is my FOOTSTOOL..."

Did you understand ? NO ?

Here God is making a grand statement !

What is meant by a "footstool" ?

It usually refers to a small ornate cushioned chair of three or four legs
that kings sitting upon their thrones would rest their feet upon.

IS THIS WHAT GOD MEANS IN THIS SCRIPTURE ?

Does he rest His legs upon the earth while He sits upon the heavens?

No ! That is NOT the thought over here...

The word "FOOTSTOOL" has a second meaning which we find in -

Acts 22:3

"brought up in this city AT THE FEET OF Gamaliel and taught..."

Here the apostle Paul speaks of his learning "at the feet" of Gamaliel-
a teacher of the law (Acts 5:34)

Thus "learning at the feet" or place near the feet or "footstool"
represents the **CONDITION OF LEARNING**.

 In India this is NOT something new - from ancient times students learnt at
The feet of their teachers - the "GURU- SHISHYA" tradition it is called !

**So too God is saying that the earth is now a "footstool" or in the condition of learning !!
YES ! - A GREAT SCHOOL OF LEARNING !! -**

Infants, children, teenagers, youths, middle aged people and old people are all at
different levels in this great "school of learning", just as, if you visited a school you
would see students of various ages and different classes !

**[SOMEONE MAY ASK WHY SHOULD THERE BE SUCH A PAINFUL
LEARNING PROCESS?]**





COULD NOT GOD HAVE MADE MAN IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO DO EVIL AT ALL OR TO AVOID EVIL COMPLETELY?

God could have done that very easily but, that was NOT His purpose for man!

☞ Man then would (have to) be a - **MACHINE** !

Is it difficult for God to create a machine ? No !

Today men are themselves making talking and walking

machines called "**ROBOTS**" which does exactly as it is told or programmed to do !

Imagine ! Would that have been nice for God to have created mankind to be a race of robots ?

Man would be a **SLAVE** rendering blind obedience without knowing why - a **LIVING** machine !

This was NOT God's plan for man !

Remember God made man as the **KING** of the earth as we read in Genesis 1:28 - "*and have **DOMINION** over....*"

Psalms 8:5 - "*and hast **CROWNED** him with glory and honor*"

Imagine a "machine" king ! No! It cannot be!

Thus we read that God made man "in his image and likeness" which meant that

☞ Man was **PERFECT** and without sin just as God is **PERFECT**

☞ Man had **LIFE** and the right to **LIVE** and was not made (or created) to die

☞ Man also had another feature of God and that was -

FREEDOM OF WILL or in other words freedom to choose what to speak, do or think !

He was given what is called **FREE MORAL AGENCY**.

He was **free** to choose his own actions !

Thus it was that God made **MAN** !

But with this **FREEDOM** comes a **DANGER** ! A **GREAT DANGER** !

There are **TWO** forces in the universe or **TWO WAYS** - **GOOD** and **EVIL** and each have their own results or fruitages -

☞ **GOOD** leads to happiness, peace and eternal life.

☞ **EVIL** leads to pain, sorrow and death.

Man must of his own **INTELLIGENCE** make the **RIGHT CHOICE** as we read in -

Job 34:4

"Let us choose to us judgement, let us know among ourselves what is good"

Now for man to make a **CLEAR** and **CORRECT** choice he must have a clear understanding of these **TWO** principles and their fruitage or results.

☞ **HE NEEDS TIME TOO** !




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That is what God has done ! He has provided man the **OPPORTUNITY** to gain understanding of **GOOD** and **EVIL** by making a **DIVINE PLAN** for man !

That is why the name of the tree in the garden of Eden was called -

"the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" (Genesis 2:17)


- that is , the eating of that fruit and the act of disobedience would set into **MOTION** the **PROCESS** of gaining understanding in "good and evil"

[ **BUT SOMEONE MAY SAY - WHAT IS THE USE AND PURPOSE WHEN MAN'S LIFE IS SO SHORT AND ENDS IN DEATH ?** **]**

This is where we come to the **GREAT BIBLE TRUTH** of the Divine Plan of God which is relatively unknown to the vast majority of mankind -

 **ALL MANKIND WHO HAVE DIED AND WILL DIE ARE TO BE MADE ALIVE AGAIN !**

Yes ! Believe it or not !

 This is something almost, **UNBELIEVABLE !**


If it was **NOT WRITTEN** in God's word we would find this **HARD TO BELIEVE !**

This opportunity for all men to live again in the resurrection was obtained through the **RANSOM** sacrifice of Jesus and His death on the cross of Calvary as we read in -

1 Corinthians 15:22

"As in Adam ALL die, so in Christ shall ALL be made alive"

Now the question that is usually asked is -

 **Will ALL be made alive - both the good and the bad of mankind ?**

The Apostle Paul confirms the answer in -

Acts 24:15

"...that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust"

Yes! It seems very clear !

 Jesus clearly said so too, as we read His words in

John 5:28

"Marvel not at this, ALL that are in the graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth..."

Yes ! **ALL MEN** shall be made alive at Jesus second coming - in God's kingdom, when the present rule of **EVIL** will end and the reign of **RIGHTEOUSNESS** will begin.

 **IMAGINE THE WHOLE WORLD GETTING A SECOND CHANCE !**

- an opportunity to **REPENT** and **REFORM** - an opportunity to ask **FORGIVENESS** and express sincere regret for great mistakes and wrong actions.



Example : Murderers and the murdered standing face to face and alive !!
How many people and even big criminals have THOUGHT in their jail cells as they lie there -

☞ “ IF I ONLY HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER AGAIN”

☞ “IF I ONLY KNEW THEN WHAT I NOW KNOW....”

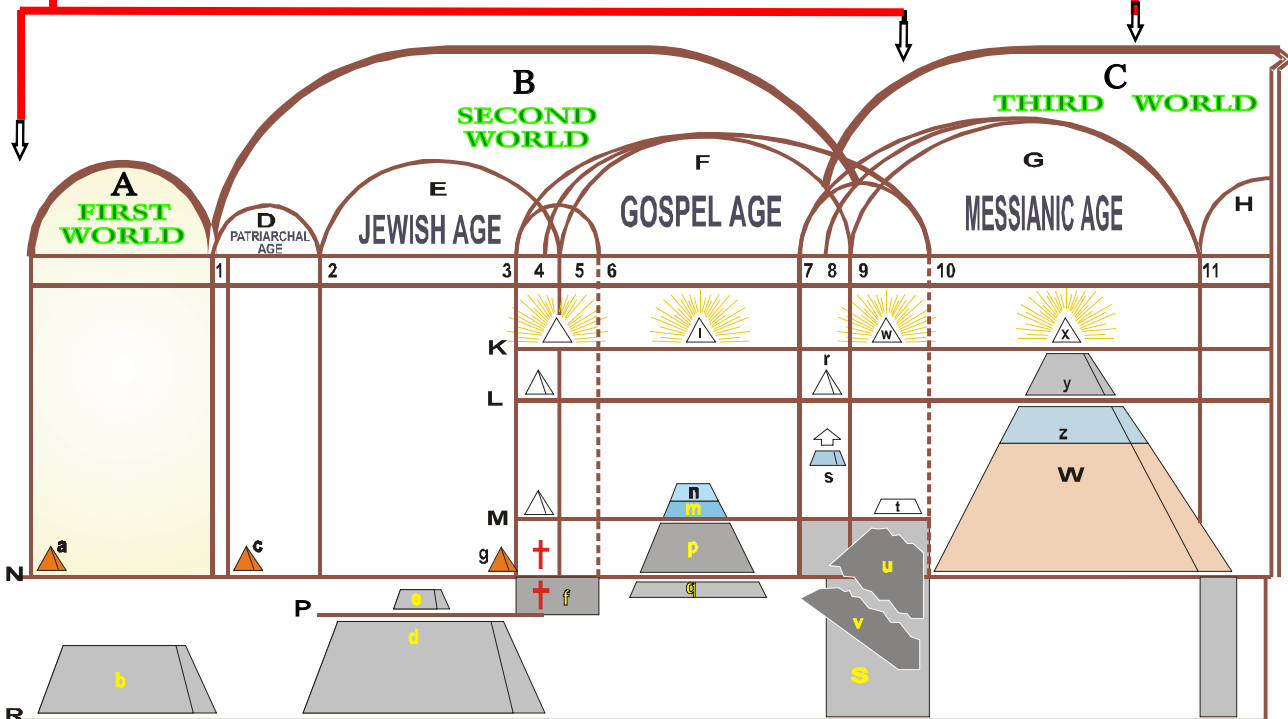
☞ “ IF I HAD A CHANCE TO START MY LIFE AGAIN I WOULD NOT DO SO MANY THINGS WHICH I HAVE DONE”.

Yes ! This is the desire of so many people! God is going to give **ALL THIS** opportunity !
That is why in GOD’S PLAN there are **TWO** great, periods of time -

1 **THE FIRST AND SECOND WORLDS**
FOR THE PERMISSION OF EVIL
(THE PERIOD OF EVIL)
Here we see... “As in Adam all die”

And then....

2 **THE THIRD WORLD**
FOR THE UNDERSTANDING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (2 Peter 3:13)
(THE PERIOD OF GOOD)
Here it will be “so in Christ shall all be made alive”



Thus there are to be TWO conditions and periods of life for ALL !

👉 EVERYONE ACTUALLY SHALL live TWICE !!
👉 SO FEW HAVE CAUGHT SIGHT OF THIS GREAT TRUTH IN THE BIBLE!

This is God's Plan that He made for man as we see in -

Romans 8:20,21

"For the CREATURE was made subject to vanity, NOT WILLINGLY, but by reason of HIM who hath subjected the same in HOPE. Because the creature itself ALSO shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious LIBERTY of the children of God"

THIS IS GOD'S PLAN IN A NUTSHELL !

It speaks of TWO conditions or lives -

➡ a condition of "bondage of corruption"

➡ ...and a condition of "glorious liberty of the children of God."

Yes! Let us see the meaning of this scripture as hereunder -

👉 "the CREATURE" - This signifies the world of mankind.

👉 "was made subject to vanity, not willingly" - represents the common sin and death condemned **CONDITION** that has come on **ALL** as we read in -

Psalms 51:5 - *"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."*

Romans 5:12 - *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"*

👉 "not WILLINGLY" - represents there was **NO INDIVIDUAL CHOICE** in the matter!

This is much like how **PARENTS**

make decisions on behalf of their children for their good, sometimes even before they are born or when they are still infants !!

Thus it is that God, the Father of **ALL CREATION** (Ephesians 3:14,15) has made this decision on **BEHALF** of the whole race.

👉 "hath subjected the same in HOPE" - the whole purpose of **GOD PERMITTING** this **EVIL** we read, is done - "in HOPE"

👉 **WHAT IS THIS "HOPE" ?**





It is the lessons and benefits to be gained from the "permission of evil" and its understanding and its bitter "taste"

[👉 **NOW SOMEONE MAY SAY -**
IS THERE NO BETTER AND EASIER AND LESS PAINFUL
WAY TO GAIN THIS KNOWLEDGE OF EVIL ? **]**

To answer this question we must consider the various ways there
Are to gain knowledge.



There are really **FOUR WAYS** to gain knowledge as hereunder -

-  **1. INTUITION**
-  **2. OBSERVATION**
-  **3. INFORMATION**
-  **4. EXPERIENCE**

Now let us understand these ways by studying them one by one -

1. INTUITION

This is the direct understanding of all knowledge without the process of doing it or “tasting it”


It implies a **AUTOMATIC** complete and clear knowledge of all things. This is the way that God acquires His knowledge - for God does **NOT** have to experience **EVIL** to know about and understand its results.

Let us read about God’s power of intuition in

Isaiah 40:14

“With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgement, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? ”

Yes! God’s teacher is Himself ! **THIS IS INTUITION.**

 Mankind **cannot CLAIM to have this power** of intuition !

Now to the second way

2. OBSERVATION

This is the way and method of gaining knowledge by **NOTING** and **OBSERVING** the results and fruitage of matters as taking place in others lives and actions.

Thus in family life, among friends, among relatives, in school or in the workplace or while traveling in buses or trains much knowledge is gained through “**observation**”

Example: Harmful and sinful practices and habits such as Smoking/ Drinking/ Gambling/ Bad language/ Selfishness, etc.

Though this way does **WORK** and **HELP** and many lessons are learnt it does **NOT** provide a **DEEP** and lasting knowledge for **ALL matters** !!

It is useful to learn many lessons but **NOT ALL** lessons !

 **But, DID YOU KNOW ?**

- that this is the way that **ANGELS** in heaven are gaining their knowledge of



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EVIL and SIN as we read in -


1 Corinthians 4:9


"...a spectacle unto the world, and to ANGELS and to men"

Yes ! The word "spectacle" means **DISPLAY** !

Some poet well said - **"ALL THE WORLD IS A STAGE AND THE PEOPLE ITS ACTORS !
- IT IS TRUE !**

Truly the world is a stage for both humans and angels !

 Why, during the PRE - **FLOOD** days (The First World) some of these observing angels even seeked to come and **AID** the fallen race of mankind (**Hebrews 2:5**).

 They were so shocked at the fall of mankind into the terrible conditions of sin and death !

Yes! Though this be the way that angels are gaining knowledge of evil and sin we see that for mankind observation **ALONE** is **NOT** enough to gain **ALL** knowledge.

Now we come to the third way of gaining knowledge.

3. INFORMATION

This is the way or method of gaining knowledge based on **WRITTEN** or **SPOKEN RECORD** of the details of those matters and the potential dangers involved.

This is the way that God used in the garden of Eden !

We read in -

Genesis 2:16,17

" but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shall not eat of it ..."

But did it work ? Was the information sufficient ?

No ! This **INFORMATION** was unable to **prevent** the **SIN** !

 This method of **TRANSMITTING** knowledge is today seen in the **PARENT - CHILDREN** relationship

Parents try to protect their children from **EVIL** by **INFORMING** them of their own personal experiences and difficulties and troubles that they have undergone in their life.

 **-BUT DO THE CHILDREN LISTEN ?**

In some cases - maybe, but the general answer is - **NO** !

 So we now come to the **FOURTH** way and what we will come to see is the **MOST EFFECTIVE** way -

4. EXPERIENCE



This is the way or method of gaining the knowledge of matters based on **DOING IT PRACTICALLY** with a personal “hands on feeling” of the matter !

☞ This way of acquiring the knowledge of **EVIL** is **BITTER** and **PAINFUL** but it **REGISTERS A MORE STRONGER IMPRESSION** on the minds and memory.

This way will prove **LATER** to be a **BLESSING** for all mankind as we read in -

Hebrews 12:11

*“Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but **GRIEVOUS**: nevertheless afterward it yeildeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are **EXERCISED** thereby”*

☞ Yes ! Experience will be the **MOST EFFECTIVE WAY !**

That is why we have the popular sayings -

➡ 1. **EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER !**

➡ 2. **THE TASTE OF THE PUDDING IS IN THE EATING !**

Thus did God permit evil that mankind may experience and learn from the **terrible results** that come upon and affect -

☞ **THE BODY** - Diseases, Deformities, Handicaps, etc.

☞ **THE MIND** - Stress, Derangement and mental disorders, etc

☞ **THE INDIVIDUALS** - Emotional & Psychological Disorders.

☞ **THE FAMILIES** - Breakdown of the family bonds through selfishness.

☞ **THE SOCIETY** - Injustice and Immorality taking control as a result of parents themselves not being able to discipline their children owing to their Own guilt from their own lives in evil.

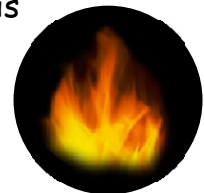
☞ And then among **COUNTRIES & THE WHOLE WORLD** - unrest, racial discrimination, cross border terrorism and wars etc.

Yes! What utter **DESTRUCTION** is caused by **EVIL !**

ALL THESE ARE THE RESULTS DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY FROM THE PERMISSION OF EVIL.

Let us try to understand what God really is **DOING**, in this permission of evil - with an example -

FIRE




Yes ! Let us take fire !

It is bright, colourful and attractive to look at ! A little child is greatly attracted to it, not knowing the great dangers involved !

☞ Now what would a **LOVING** and **WISE** father do when seeing the child's attraction to the fire ?



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 He would give the child on **EXPERIENCE** with the fire by -
 - bringing the child's hand **CLOSE** enough to feel the HEAT...
But **FAR ENOUGH** not to be **BURNT** !

Thus the child learns **STRONG LESSONS** of the dangers of the **FIRE**
 and is not likely to forget them too !

 **SO IT IS WITH SIN !**

It is just like fire !

It seems attractive and pleasurable from the outside.

ALL THE WAYS OF SIN seem to appeal to fallen man as we read in -

Proverbs 14:12

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the ways of death".

Yes ! All the ways of sin **TODAY** seem very pleasurable to fallen man.

- lies, adultery, drinking, immorality, etc.

But the **"tasting"** of it leads to the **"bitter taste"** of suffering, sorrow and death !

Thus it is seen that God's **"HOPE"** in **Romans 8:20,21** is that

mankind will learn **VALUABLE** lessons in this experience with the **"HEAT"** of sin

- the wages of sin - **DEATH** as we read in

Romans 7:13 - *"...but sin, that it might appear sin ...might become exceeding sinful."*

 But God ensures that it is **NOT** to be a **"burnt"** experience
 with mankind **PERMANENTLY** destroyed !!

But we read of **His mercy and grace** as seen in -

Hosea 13:14

"I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death..."

Yes! God has planned the **SALVATION OF MANKIND FROM DEATH** and this was
 through the cross of Calvary !

 **AND TRULY MANKIND WILL LEARN!**

Let us look into the prophetic future of mankind's condition then -

Isaiah 13:12

*"I will make a man more precious than fine GOLD;
 even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir."*

Yes! The **"fine gold"** has a symbolic reference to great **CHARACTER!**

And again we read this prophecy in -


Isaiah 66:24

*"And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me.
 And they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh"*



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Yes ! All mankind shall learn to **HATE** sin and **LOVE** righteousness and develop **GOLDEN** characters !!

 And what about God's footstool - the earth ? - the "school" ? We read of it's future condition in -

Isaiah 60:13

*"...And I will make a place of my feet **GLORIOUS**"*

Yes! This word "glorious" refers to the **FUTURE** condition of the **PERFECT** and **HAPPY** earth which we read about again in -

Isaiah 14:7

*"The whole **EARTH** is at rest and is quiet: they break forth into singing".*

"Singing" is a symbol of a condition of **HAPPINESS** and **PEACE** !

How often do people sing these days ? Very rarely !

It is an indication of **HOW LITTLE HAPPINESS AND PEACE** there is today!

 Again, of that time it is written in -

Isaiah 35:10

*"The ransomed of the Lord shall return, (THE WORLD FROM THE GRAVES) and come to Zion with songs, and **EVERLASTING** joy and happiness.. and sorrow and sighing shall flee away".*

Yes ! **EVERLASTING** joy and happiness ! Is it difficult to believe ?

Let us read another scripture in -

Revelation 21:4

*" and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, Neither shall there be any more pain; for the **FORMER THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY**"*

 What are these **FORMER THINGS** ?

Yes ! They are EVIL - DISEASE - PAIN - TEARS - DEATH - THE PERMISSION OF EVIL ! IT WOULD HAVE ENDED !

Yes ! Death and sorrow and crying will all disappear !

And then God's greatness and wisdom and love and power in permitting evil for a period of time will be made manifest as we read in -

Job 14:4

*"Who can bring a **CLEAN** thing out of an unclean ? Not one".*

Yes ! **ONLY GOD** can make of this present **EVIL** world **a perfect world** and inhabited by **perfect people** !!

 And that will be possible only **AFTER** mankind learns to **HATE** evil and sin !

 **THIS IS WHY GOD PERMITS EVIL !**



And ALL His creation in heaven and on earth
are going to sing His praises and worship

☞ the great **ALMIGHTY GOD** - *"The one that sitteth upon the throne"*

☞and His **GLORIOUS SON JESUS** *"The Lamb"*

in the **FUTURE** for **THEIR LOVE AND JUSTICE AND WISDOM AND POWER** as
exhibited in the **DIVINE PLAN OF GOD** and the permission of evil.

Indeed ! Let us hear what all the world will say in -

Revelation 5:13

*"And every creature which is in heaven (the angels),and on the earth (mankind),and under the earth
(The dead which then would have been resurrected to life again)heard I saying,
Blessing and honor and glory,and power,be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne
And unto the Lamb for ever and ever"*

☞ Yes ! **NOW LET US OFFER UP OUR PRAISE AND WORSHIP TODAY**
at finding the answer and the **TRUTH** to this burning question.

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