

GOD DECREES THAT EVIL EXISTS IN THE WORLD

Romans 3:5 Our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God.

We perceive the glory of God because evil exists and we perceive evil.

We praise God for what He has done and still does to overcome evil.

2 Timothy 4:18

God gets glory for demonstrating His judgment. Revelation 15:1-4

God is not unjust by dispensing wrath through His judgment. Romans 3:5-6

God puts His righteousness on display in how He deals with sin and evil.

The essence of worship is to magnify the glory of God. We value God's character as we contrast His perfection with sin, unholiness, and evil. God is holy, good, and true.

God has control over evil in that He limits evil and has power to bring good out of evil actions of people and even Satan. God's glory is evident by how He orchestrates good and evil through the intricacies of life.

Anything that God creates must be less than what He is. Adam was created in the image of God, but Adam was imperfect in that He wasn't God himself. Adam had opportunity to obey God or disobey God and God knew that Adam would sin. The mystery which we don't understand is what it was in Adam that allowed him to disobey God since Adam wasn't a sinner until he sinned.

Evil is not good, but it is good that there is evil otherwise evil wouldn't be in a Universe ruled by a perfect God. In other words, God would not allow evil into the Universe, since He is a perfect God, unless something good would come from allowing evil. God decreed that evil come into the world. God uses evil and causes it to work for good. God has power over evil and God decreed that it come into the world yet God is not the instigator of sin or evil.

God used evil to come against the life of Joseph to bring about good which would later be demonstrated toward his brothers and their families.

Genesis 50:19,20 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."

All things work together for good to those who love God. So evil must work together for good to the saints of God.

God decreed that Jesus go to the cross and die for sin. Acts 2:22-23; 4:27

Jesus was killed by our sin. The evil act by men of crucifying Jesus was predetermined by God to bring about good for those who come to love Him. We know what is good because we contrast goodness with evil. Our evil demonstrates what is good.

The sinless death of Jesus condemned sin to its utter destruction. By Jesus overcoming sin, death, and Satan, we praise Him for what He has done. It is good that we see the glory of God even through the death of His Son.

God knows every intricate detail of every life that will ever come into existence. God allows and decrees what will happen in each person's life according to His own counsel and with respect to the free responses of that life. Those who crucify Jesus are responsible for their own sin, yet God decreed that crucifixion of Jesus would happen in order to condemn sin to its destruction.

All sin including our sin was thrust upon Jesus yet the cross condemns sin to sin's destruction and the cross gives Jesus the authority to remove our sin through our new birth and sanctification.

By sin's destruction, I mean the ultimate removal of sin from the Universe.

At the cross we see the worst evil ever committed yet we see the entire creation ultimately freed from sin, death, and Satan. Evil works out for good because God has decreed the existence of evil and controls evil for the purpose of bringing about good.

In the process of our sanctification, we experience the fruits of the Spirit through our conflict with good and evil. Without this conflict we could not experience love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, and self-control. God has decreed the only way and the only perfect way by which we can experience the fullness of God and this way is in a world containing sin and evil.