



A Dark Chapter

There is a dark chapter in the Christmas story. In an attempt to murder the Christ child, Herod killed the babies of Bethlehem before the age of 2 years. It was barbaric, it was wrong, and it reveals the madness of what evil is capable of. People then probably asked the same kind of questions we do today. "If He is a God of love, why does He allow this?"

There are still plenty of unanswerables, but one thing needs to be observed. Herod killed those babies, not God. And every time a wicked thing is done today, it's man's doing again.

God will set things right, but that cosmic event is not yet. Christmas reminds me that the day is coming when a righteous God will judge all unforgiven sin, but until that time comes, I walk in trust and confidence that He is able to keep me, even in the valley of the shadow of death. God is good, and He's good all the time.

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