

Questions For God

The Real Question

Genesis 1:26-31; Romans 8:18-22; 2 Corinthians 7:8-10

Introduction: *Why do children have to suffer?*

1. Is hidden in our *confusion*

A. General perceptions of *cause and effect* (Exodus 20:4-6)

B. *Inarticulate* language

C. Unwillingness to confront the *elephant in the room*

2. Is answered in our willingness to *accept truth*

A. We live a *fallen* existence (Romans 8:18-22)

B. *Free moral agency* can't exist in a vacuum

C. Suffering can be *beneficial*

2 Corinthians 7 (NLT)

⁸I am not sorry that I sent that severe letter to you, though I was sorry at first, for I know it was painful to you for a little while. ⁹Now I am glad I sent it, not because it hurt you, but because the pain caused you to repent and change your ways. It was the kind of sorrow God wants His people to have, so you were not harmed by us in any way. ¹⁰For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.

Conclusion

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