

# Would a loving God allow me to suffer?

God is love, but there is more to the character than His love. He is also just and holy. To understand why God is just to allow suffering, we must understand who He is and who we are as His creation.

## You have a purpose

God is the perfect being that created all things out of nothing. God's Word tells us that he made you with a purpose:

*"everyone who is called by my name,  
and whom I have created for my glory,  
whom I have formed,  
yes, whom I have made." Isaiah 43:7 (WEB)*

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## You fail to fulfill your purpose

God created you for His glory. Are you serving your purpose? If you have failed to consider what most glorifies God before you make a decision, you have failed to serve your purpose and have sinned against your creator. God's word makes this clear:

*"whatever is not of faith is sin" Romans 14:23c (WEB)  
"whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians  
10:31b (WEB)*

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## You have sinned against a holy God

You have sinned against God. You probably consider yourself a pretty good person. But, no amount of good will allow God to overlook your sin. God compares your good deeds to filthy rags. You may not have killed anyone, but Jesus said if you hate someone that you are guilty of murder. God's word makes it clear; any violation of His law is serious:

*"For whoever keeps the whole law, and yet stumbles in one  
point, he has become guilty of all." James 2:10 (WEB)*

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## You have earned the wrath of God

Every sin earns God's wrath. For us, this means eternity in Hell. Jesus explains:

*"The angels will come forth, and separate the wicked from  
among the righteous, and will cast them into the furnace of  
fire. There will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth."  
Matthew 13:49b-50 (WEB)*

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## Jesus paid the price for all who repent and believe

God did not leave all men in this condition. He sent His only son to this world to take the punishment due to all who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus alone to save them. Jesus was perfect and did not deserve to die. Jesus was nailed to the cross and killed in place of all believe. On the third day, Jesus rose from the grave and is alive today. Turn away from your sins and turn to God for strength. Believe in Jesus alone to save you from the Hell you have earned.

If you have repented of your sin and believe in Jesus, He promises us eternal life:

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only  
Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but  
have eternal life." John 3:16 (WEB)*

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## God's promise to Christians

If you have repented of your sins and believed in Jesus alone as your savior, you will have eternal life with your creator in glory. You might wonder what this means to your current situation here and now. We can expect further suffering, and even persecution. God promises us our best life later when we are in his presence. However, we do have a glorious promise now. We are assured that even the things that seem horrible, God will use for our good. You can go through life trusting God to work all things together for the good of Christians including yourself:

*"We know that all things work together for good for  
those who love God, to those who are called  
according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 (WEB)*

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