

WHY GOD

Why God? Why God? Come and see. Who has not asked that question before? I have. And if you're saying no, be honest. Why God? You see things, you go, "Why?" There are answers. You don't have to wait for heaven. Heaven is waiting on us. Let's get the answers. Big question, why God? Ask the big questions of life. The rest are details. What's the meaning of life? You think it's just to go to work, sleep, eat and just run around? You look busy but you're not happy. You're not happy. You're doing things or things are being done to you. You're saving money, you wanted a future that quote makes it and are successful and could retire and have seven figures in the bank and a house and a place at the beach and all that. The only difference between men and boys is the price of their toys, and loses interest after a while.

I remember one very rich Jewish businessman in New York building big buildings, lots of money. He said, "I get up in the morning, I build another sandcastle. After a while, for what?" It's the nouveau riche, the new rich, that flash typically. "I have money and you've got to see me and acknowledge me. I'm important, because I say so and society says so." Well, that doesn't really matter that much. As you get to a certain age, and we've had a number of people that we know personally, very wealthy and some very, very wealthy, and you know what, they got bored with it and found out I've arrived and why am I not happy?

Why God? I thought this was what I was supposed to do? Well obviously, that's what the world told you, not a God who made the world. Ask God. Get your answers from the creator. Why did God create us in the first place? What is the purpose of life? You will not ever go anywhere if you don't anchor yourself down inside God now. Why am I here? What's this all about? Don't entertain yourself with small things. Small things with small minds. But your soul is going to be saying, "You're starving me, you're crippling me, I'm being locked inside here." Challenge yourself with big questions there. When you know that you don't know, that's the first step of learning, I know I don't know. Okay? You know? Good.

The answer, again, to the question what is the meaning of life? Q, A, the answer to the question, A, the purpose of life is to glorify God. Few words, eternal, to glorify God. I remember one young lady when she first read that in Chapter One of our book, Why God? Come and See, she was upset. She goes, "No, it's about me." And then she had this epiphany later, "Oh no, it's about God." If you try to glorify yourself, glory will turn into gory. It's not going to work. It gets old, like polishing silverware. You ever get some nice silverware and find that you're still polishing it 50 years later? It tarnishes. Do something that doesn't tarnish, eternal with God. Glorify God. Have a life that's lived is a return thanks to the one who gave you life.

It'll lift you out of this world. While you're in it, you see through Christ you could be out of it. Another question, in the midst of troubles, where are you God? How many people have cried this

out? Buckets of tears, gut wrenching pain, cancer, wars, homes, houses, this, that, name the crime... it's out there. And you wonder where the help is. Police are phenomenal. You see military phenomenal. You see people stepping up to the plate, average citizens, communities, people helping each other, phenomenal. But you can't always get there. I'm glad when they do. The biggest question is where are you God when bad things happen? Where are you God? Do you care? If God is everywhere, omnipresent, which is an attribute of God, he's everywhere. Omnipresent, omnipotent, all powerful and omniscient, all knowing.

There's a Jewish gentleman who wrote a book years ago, and he lost his son to cancer. He was about 14 years old roughly. And to assuage his pain, feeling his prayer wasn't answered, he figured, "Well, God is all knowing but he's not all powerful, because if he was strong enough he would have of course answered my prayer and healed my son of cancer." It's a tragedy and it's a terrific loss, and people, God doesn't need another angel in heaven. That's not how it works. If he needs one, he makes one. He puts you on earth as a human to have a human experience. While you are a spiritual being who, you are a spirit, you have a soul, you're in a body, a spiritual body, you're not a human being you're a spirit being in a human form having a human experience.

Get that part straight. But again, if God is everywhere, why can't I find him when I need him? I am here, where are you? The question is that you have to know how to connect with God. In the Old Testament in Hosea 4:6, it talks about my people perish, although in Hebrew are destroyed, for lack of the knowledge, da'ath. Not just knowledge, but the knowledge. What does the knowledge mean? The knowledge of God. I remember a gentleman once, when I was watching a neighbor of ours who was a judge, and he had this young man in court. There was a bunch of people and somebody stood up and just started yelling at the judge. "I'll do what I want when I want. You can't tell me what to do." And he was a very seasoned judge, he just listened. He was one of our neighbors, and I'm watching him in court.

When the guy was finished, he just told him, "You can do what you want, but if you break the law, you will end up in my court." Now, "oh, sorry officer, I didn't see the light." If ignorance is no excuse in traffic court, what makes you think it's an excuse, a valid one, in God's court? My people are destroyed for lack, not having enough of the knowledge of God. What we don't know hurts us. You got a big book? I had a young man say, "Man, that Bible's a big book." I said, "Yeah, God had a lot to say. You've got a lot to learn. Do it a page at a time. Start reading." Two parts about the Bible you should never see, the front and back covers. Keep it open and be open to learn it. "There's a lot of mistakes in it." You know what, we studied it for decades. There are no mistakes regarding faith, salvation issues, the core of tenets of the Christian-Judeo faith.

There's some grammatical things. It's the best attested book of ancient history and it will hold you up as it has hundreds of millions of people throughout thousands of years of human history of all different levels of education. This is the book that will lead you to God. Answer, God cares. He has demonstrated that he cares. He has evidenced his ongoing care and concern for humanity throughout all time and in all ways. As you start to learn how God does things, and how to pray and how to step into the place where we can grow up, for example, you're a little

kid. You're walking across the room. You haven't learned to walk yet. You're walking, your parent is there. You fall, you didn't break anything, your parent is there. No one shoved you, no one pushed you, you're learning how to do and what not to do.

With God, the care is infinitely better and you find out that God is going to help you with every step along the way, as we've learned. But don't make a mistake that he doesn't care, for God so loved the world he gave us his best, and he takes care of all the rest. The sovereignty of God. Sovereignty of God or the sovereignty of man? Whose is charge? Or are both true? Questions, A, B, C. Since God is sovereign and knows all, isn't it his will that I must go through this severe trial, crisis, sickness, pain, problem, etc? A lot of people think, "Well, this is my cross to bear." He bore the cross. The cross that you bear is to crucify the flesh, don't put yourself on a cross people, it's to crucify your carnal fleshy nature that's confounding and trying to actually be in opposition to your spirit. God wants you to be whole-hearted to him.

So, the things that you don't like and God doesn't like in your life, have to get taken out. It's just fact. Get rid of it there. God doesn't want it, it's holding you back from getting close to God. Why is God putting me through this? He didn't put you through it. Now, here's a common mistake, "God allowed this." The word allow, you all hearing, allow does not exist in the Hebrew language. It's been put in there in a lot of the English texts which you've seen. It's not there. God cannot quote allow it. That is a tacit assent to something that God has no part of. There's no concord, no agreement between God and Belial, between the Son of God and darkness. There's nothing, light and dark, Jesus has nothing to do with those things, period. Don't assign to God what he doesn't.

See, how could God do this to me? He's good. It's interesting that people see, "Oh, that's an act of nature, all that destruction." Something good happens, "Look at what I did. Ain't I great?" And kissing ourself. People, God is good. And if you got a gift and talent and you're excelling, learn to give God the glory now, because if you take the glory on earth you won't have it in heaven. Answer, God always leads us to triumph in Christ, 2 Corinthians 2:14. God always, how long is that? Always leads us to triumph in Christ. No apart. So, if you end up taking a left turn and getting left, God says take a right turn and stay right, get right, be right in Christ. In a room, we're in a room now, whether it's raining or snowing outside, I don't know. It's doesn't affect me.

Is it day or night? I don't know. Let's say we're here for days and we look up... I don't know. Why? Because to the degree we have the a/c, thank God, in Texas, and these walls, it's protecting us. God's word is protecting me. When I stay in the room, in Christ, the outside world, flesh and devil, can't touch me. If I step out of him by doing something out of his will, out of his character, out of his nature, out of his essence, out of his identity, and do something contrary to who he is, I'm vulnerable. You see a soldier take their helmet off and put down their Kevlar vest and take off all their equipment, boom, sitting target for the enemy. Stay armored up. And your best armor is putting on the Lord Jesus Christ if you're his.

"Therefore, you fight from victory, not for victory that's already won." When it is paid in full, why do you go into a conflict or a prayer mode acting to win something that's already won? Our goal is to first connect with God to such a degree that we affirm heaven on earth. To affirm heaven on earth we have to be in heaven, but in Ephesians 2:6 it says you are in heaven. So, we have to know how to actually be there, stand in our rights, and affirm with a legal decree from God saying, "I have the right to affirm this and declare my rights I heaven on earth." And hell, Hades, sin, transgression, iniquity, Satan, demons and all this will shut up because they'll say, "Oh my God, they know their rights. They know who they are in Christ." And they're speaking and it comes booming out of heaven, and these people go screaming running away.

Affirm what's already done. You're fighting for a victory that's already done. If we all went to the restaurant, and let's say we're at the front of the line and we pull out a check and pay for everybody with us, and we leave. And you're coming out and there's guards at the door and they say, "Hey, you didn't pay your bill." "Well, I'm with him." Now, as long as we assert that and you affirm that, your bill's paid, because somebody else paid it. What's free to you is not free. It's very expensive, very expensive. God said, "Paid in full." Now, if you're a little cocky, "I don't know that guy. He just thinks he's whatever." Then the guards will lock the door and say, "You can't leave until you pay every penny of your bill." And it's always too expensive. You're worth a lot. You might have been treated like you're worth junk, but to God you're a jewel, not junk.

Trust God, the world will lie to you, God will promise you and deliver. You're not junk, you're a jewel to Jesus. You're a jewel to Jesus. Remember 2 Corinthians 2:14 and 1 Corinthians 15:57, and Why God? Come and See. Do I need, is it a necessary condition to be sick, sad, suffer to be a saint? You see some people who embrace their sicknesses, cow-tail to it, or form an identity around it and through it. That's not you. The first thing you do with it is go, "No, no. no, no. I will not have any part of this here." You don't have to live with it, you have to live. Fight it with everything you have and more. Fight it with the provisions of heaven. Fight it and you can ask God to send, when you're standing right in God... We did this yesterday in the office, we made a whole new level of healings there as a chiropractic physician but a Christian for a living.

We asked God to send us healing angels and we acknowledged their presence. Everything was easier, everything was greater, and the precious Holy Spirit, what more needed to be said. The Holy Spirit, in Hebrew she, she delivers. What happens when bad things happen? Who's to blame? Do you we learn from bad things? Is God trying to teach me something? Well, you're going to learn something from it. It's not you're time to be healed and you're going to learn some great valuable lesson about being sick, blind, deaf, poor, living on the street... fill in the blank. There's more than enough sicknesses out there. All wrong, nothing of God. How much? Nothing. No thing. Is God trying to teach me something by allowing this bad thing to happen to me, just like Paul's my thorn in the flesh? Is this my cross to bear? Common questions by some good people, even taught by some well-meaning theologians and pastors, but not only do we differ, God does.

I understand where the texts are, we've done it. Answer, when you truly know God, his character, his essence, his nature, you know that he is all good, all God, and always right. 1 John 1:5, "And there is no darkness in him." Now, before there was sin in the world, back to Adam before there was sin, they were sinless. Sinless. There was no sickness. There was no disease. There was no aging, in a sense of getting old while they're getting older. When Jesus comes back, in the millennial kingdom, notably in the new world after that, Revelation 21:1, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there was no longer any sea." There'll be no sin, no sickness, God says. There'll be no more pain, no more death. Death is the parent of all disease. It is the ultimate sickness.

And death is the result of sin. So, when he paid the price for sin, he paid the price for death, and all his children. Cold, cancer, disease, diabetes, emphysema, go from A to Z and literally thousands of conditions out there, the root has been cut. What is that word? Cut, eradicated. No root, no fruit. No root, no fruit. So, and beginning with Adam, there was no disease, sickness, death. And our last Adam, the second man, 1 Corinthians 15:51-55, it should be in that area, 1 Corinthians 15, 45 and 47 rather, the last Adam, Jesus Christ, in the future there'll be no more sickness, sin, death, disease. Because God the Father, sitting on his throne, says, "I make all things new." He says there'll be no more pain, no more sorrow, no more crying, no more death for the former things have passed away. Good riddance. I make all things new.

So, if there's nothing bad in the beginning, and there'll be nothing bad later, why do we accept it now? Because that's what we know. It's in our human DNA in a sense of knowledge from our generations all the way back. So, it's because it's been a common experience doesn't mean it's correct. Lying is common in a lot of areas, it's never correct. Stealing is unfortunately common. I remember that wonderful pastor John Hagee in Fort Worth, Texas, evidence in a study they did on the Ten Commandments that there was, at that time in that year, I believe the figure was 10 billion dollars lost... with a B not M, both wrong... but 10 billion dollars lost in corporate America due to theft that they can measure and count. Stealing stuff. We're not even talking about intellectual property, someone's dreams, other things. Stealing, common? Yeah. Correct? No.

Of Christ? Never. So, these things are out there but they're not of God. In him there is no darkness, no, not none. Does God answer prayer? Yes. Well, why doesn't God answer my prayers? Doesn't he hear me? If you say it louder will he hear me better? Why don't my prayers work? Does God care? This is going to be a short lesson in Hebrew on the word prayer. Lehitpallel is the word to pray. Lehitpallel. It's in lehitpallel form, and let's explain that briefly. It's in a form that is reflective. What does that mean? It means that as I'm praying a prayer, it's acting on me. I thought I'm praying to him. Yes, no, yes. Yes, I'm praying to him. No, it's not changing him since he doesn't change. Yes, it's changing me. Yes, I will be able to receive what he has already put in place. Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us, already has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies which are in Christ.

The heavenlies which are in Christ. Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing and heavenlies in Christ. We got him. So, praying changes me. So, I first ask God, I'm praying for this. I need to know the end from the beginning. I'm taking a trip to Houston, is it a good idea to know how long it takes to get there? Is it five minutes, five hours, 50 hours? You don't know. Find out. We do that in the actual, we have to do the same in the supernatural. There are rules, laws, and ways things work. All right God, with my present faith and all the opposition that I may incur, what's it going to take for me to get lined up under this blessing to bring it down what's already waiting for me here, because it's provided for already in the heavenlies in Christ?

God's not going to make you do 50 push-ups and here's a fish. He said it's all there. You want it? Come and get it. Learn how to get it. So, you can not only get it and receive it but you can keep it and hold it. Sticking a kid two years old in the driver's seat, their legs are not long enough, they can't see over the hood, they can't see even the hood of the car, they can't reach, they don't know how to drive, so just because you put them in the driver's seat doesn't mean they could drive yet. They have to grow into it. So, we learn. The Bible says that the Christian is a talmid. In Hebrew, T-A-L-M-I-D, English transliteration. [inaudible 00:21:34]. From the root word, talmid, from lamad. And talmid, it means a disciple, a learner. So, learn. My people perish for lack of the knowledge. Learners learn, teachers teach. He's our teacher, John 13:13.

So, God answers prayer. When I pray, I ask God is it going to take me an hour a day for 30 days or is it going to take me five hours, what's it going to take for me to pray, believing faith, believing in prayer, so that I can receive what you've already made available for me? So, God's already given it there. So, if the questions are wrong... does God answer my prayers? They're already answered before you pray. Does he hear? He always does. He hears and obeys his own words. Pray his Bible back to him. Pray the promises back to God. Does he care? Infinitely. My prayers don't work because you don't know how to pray. That's not to be insulting. If you did something wrong on a math test your teacher should tell you what you got wrong and tell you how to get it right. Right?

So, you learn. You're just told to pray, like told to exercise. Stick you in a gym, you don't know what you're doing yet. You learn. Why is it okay to go to school for 12 to 20 years and learn but you think you can just throw yourself into Christianity and suddenly you know what you're doing? You can be a Christian for 20 years, it doesn't mean you're doing 20 years of work as a Christian growing in your faith. It should, and may it, and prayerfully this will help you. I know it will. We know it will. God has said that no matter how many promises made they are "Yes" in him, not "No." He has said "Yes", not maybe, which means "No, now." 2 Corinthians 1:20. They're all available now. This is the kind of God that said, "Everything I have is for my children. If you want it, come, come." Isaiah 55 opening verses, "Come and eat without money, without cost." What's it going to cost you? Just coming and believing and learning what to do.

Many people also pray in unbelief rather instead of belief. These two letters, U-N, from belief to unbelief, are game changers. They change the game. They're hoping for but they're not believing. This is kind of wishy-washy. "I hope it works out." You're hedging your bets. Believe or not, it's either yes or no. In physiology, in the human body, they have a principle called the all or nothing principle. For a muscle to contract, it has to actually reach a certain threshold and then it contracts. It's either all or nothing. That's the way it works. Work it that way. Pray believing, not unbelieving, not wishing something to happen. What does it mean, it's already done? It's been misunderstood. We are often told by Jesus himself to have faith in God, to believe in God, to trust in God. He has instructed us to believe that we have already received it, Mark 11:22-24. He said we'll know, let's say yesterday, you know what you did yesterday, do I ask you all, do you really believe that happened? "What are you talking about? You're looking at us with a scrunched up face. What? What are you talking about?"

Of course, I lived it. It's my life, it's my experience. Well, with that kind of faith to believe yesterday without any doubt because you lived it, God says when you pray believe you've already received it, like it's your yesterday, and you'll have according to what you desire. Jonathan Edwards, the great theologian of the 1700s, said it nicely, "You'll always choose according to your strongest desires." Even if someone says your money or your life, you will make a choice. When you're praying for something, make sure it's not just a hopeful wish, or a hedge bet. "Well, God would do it for me but I'm not good enough." Nobody's good enough. He's your father. When you come to God he cleans you. You don't have to come clean, you come to be cleansed.

An older pastor in Pensacola, years ago, said this was fish goes, in fishing, first you catch them then you clean them. Come to God as you are, but come. Pray believing. God said it, I believe it. Does God allow bad things to happen? We mentioned that allow is not a biblical word. How does it happen? We open the gate, we open the door and if something bad happens, somebody in humanity has either on purpose or in inadvertently, brought it into this world. It's not from God. He didn't allow it. When God told Adam in the beginning, "Don't do this," they said, "Yeah, watch us do it there." A parent who has a son and daughter and says, "Don't drink and drive." "Yeah, yeah, mom." "Don't go out tonight." They grab the keys to go anyway, they take three friends, they hit a tree, they get into an accident. Is it the parents' fault? No, they said, "Don't."

They defied the parents. That's called rebellion. "I want to do what I want, when I want, how I want." Then you make your choices. Death and life are in the hand of the tongue. Those who love it will eat its fruit. In Proverbs 18:21, what we say has the power of death to that extreme or life. You ever say something to someone that you just lit up their day? Lit up their life? It's life changing. Did you ever see somebody who spoke harshly to a child, a friend, a spouse in public in such a way that you see them crushed? The life comes out of them and they shrivel up in front of you. Words are very powerful. Do you know in the human brain, in the brain itself, in brain chemistry, in brain anatomy, the same area in your brain that registers physical pain were also represented by verbal abuse.

The brain interrupts it both in the same area. So, sticks and stones may break your bones, and words will hurt you equally. Watch what you say, people, it counts on a lot of levels. We allow, due to our choice, what kind of life we live. If we choose life, then we'll live life, the life of Jesus Christ, John 1:4, 8:12 and 10:10. Jesus has come to bring life and life [inaudible 00:28:05]. God has come to bring us life and life more abundantly. The Greek word for abundantly means super abundantly, more than is necessary. More than you need, God's going to supply. That's your Father. Does a sovereign God permit bad things to happen or do we? How is a sovereign God implicated in the wrongs of the world through his permissive will? Why does God permit bad things to happen, or does he? How could a good God let bad things happen to us?

He gets blamed for a lot of things, doesn't he? Even everything. God doesn't change. If something's bad out there, it ain't God. Thank God for all the good that he does. Don't look at God as someone who is against you. God has only good intentions for you. If someone were to do what we accuse God of doing, we'd put him in jail. Don't paint people out to be better than God. If somebody has a theology where they see a fire, it's a house fire. A man comes and pulls one child out of the fire and sits on the side of the house and the house burns and kills the other child, we'd all be up in arms and saying, "Why did you leave the child? You could have saved that child?" You do that with a human, you do that with God. God has already saved and made provision for everyone, because God saves the world. It's already provided.

But now, like muscles, you have to use them. Now, like brains, you've got to use them. Reinhard Bonnke, the great German evangelist, once said about salvation in Africa, he said, "It's like soap. We have soap in South Africa, but you've got to use it." It's available. Open the book, open the Bible, open your heart. Use your heart, use your mind, open your mind. You'll find out that God works. How could a good God create people knowing that many will be lost in hell forever? This is important. Now, just take the main question on this one here. The main thought here is critically important because God doesn't allow someone to go to hell. He doesn't commit them to go to hell. Hell was actually never made for human beings. It's a place of separation. What do you do with people, like C.S. Lewis said, who if you force them to go to heaven, heaven would be like hell to them?

You can't force them. So, what do you do? You could force them, but it wouldn't work. That's not God. God will give you your desires of your heart within the constraints of his overarching plan. If a person goes to hell, they lived a life that was always apart from God. So, one day in the future, God will say, "Depart from me, for you never were a part of me." So, you continue to live as you did in a world without God. You will not know God as a friend. You will not know God as a savior. You will not know God as your forgiver. But you will know God as Lord, in a sense of your judge. He is the Lord Judge. There is much more to God you should have learned. But hell is a place of separation. You will continue to live in a place where it's locked on the inside by your own choice. You will get then what you want, even though you may not like how it appears and the way it works out.

But your worth and your words have sealed the deal. And God will give it to you, even though he wanted you and had a vision for you, a plan for your life. You wanted your own, apart from him, is the way you continue to stay, and that's sad. The only one who grieves the most is God, because he knows it all, and what could of, would have, should have been for you, but you said no. So, don't say no to God. God gives you what you want. The decision to choose has been given to you. He has given us sovereignty over our own actions, choices, thoughts and lives. He has told us what to do. The decision is ours. He will confirm to make stronger your own decision, affirming your right to choose, what you choose, but not choosing the choice for you. That's important. He's not choosing for you. He's saying this day I have set before you, literally in Hebrew, the blessing and the curse, the life and the death.

So, choose. But you only can choose one or the other. Interesting that he even tells you what to choose, choose the life that you may live and your children. Hell is a place of living dead. I would want to live life, not death. Do all roads lead to God? Great question. What's the great answer God gave us? Do you mean to tell me that people who led good lives and served their fellow man well, but have denied Jesus as Lord and Savior, are all going to hell? Don't all roads lead to God? What about those who've never heard? All roads lead to God, I didn't point a period there yet, but what about John 14:6? Jesus himself says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except," in Hebrew, [inaudible 00:33:36], "my way." There's no other way. Well, that's true. Watch carefully, all roads do lead to God.

Do you mean that the Buddhist is going to end up in front of God's face too? Yes. The atheist who doesn't believe in God at all? Yes, he'll end up in front of God's face too. The Muslim, the Confucianism, the Daoist? Yes, yes, yes. Everyone's coming before God. One road leads to God as Lord and Savior, that's where you'll see Jesus Christ. All the other roads also lead to God, as Lord and judge. Judge, the same Jesus Christ. Lord and Savior, all the other roads, Lord and judge. Here as the judge he says, "I never knew you. You're not in my book. You never gave me your life. I've given mine to you. You said no to me. You said no, then your will be done." If you said yes to Jesus as Lord and Savior, confessing with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and God raised him from the dead and believing in your heart, you're in the book.

If it's true faith, truly true. Truly true. When it's truly true, you're in his book. We've seen the book, the names are written in. And when God puts in, it stays in the Lamb's Book of Life. The Lamb is a term for Jesus Christ, the sacrificial lamb, the Passover lamb for us, for all of us. Every one of us. Women, children, young, old, all of us, he did it. But to be in this book you've got to come to this line as Lord and Savior where you say, "Yes, I trust you with my life. I accept what you've done for me. I come on your terms and I say yes to God." The one who doesn't want to, all the other people on the other one. So, all roads lead to God, now which road are you on? As Lord and Savior where you see Jesus as your friends, as your savior, and having an eternal relationship with God that only gets better and better? Eyes have not seen nor ear has heard all that God has in store for those who love him.

You can't imagine that big. I was talking to a wonderful gentleman earlier today about the movie Back to the Future, and that today is October 21, 2015. And people try to imagine the future, they get some things right, other things wrong, other things off the charts. God says, "Knock, knock, everybody. None of you could figure this out. I have things in store for you that I have literally thought out that are going to knock your socks off, and if you don't have socks, socks will be supplied." He'll get those socks knocked off one way or another. God loves you. He's going to shower... you ever take a shower, inundate you? He's going to shower you with things that you can't imagine. You're going to look back eternally forever and ever. A million billion years is just the beginning, the beginning of forever.

You'll go, "Man, thank God I made that right decision. I didn't get an A in history, Spanish maybe a B, I didn't keep up with my French, but boy, I was on this line that said, "Yes." And all the rest are details. Now, you have eternity. Everybody has eternity. These will be in eternity in darkness and you'll be in eternity in light. They'll be in eternity away from God, you'll spend eternity with God. They're going to be lost, eternally suffering a payment that they can never pay in full because now they've got to pay their bill. They can't, so they stay in a place that they're locked up for nonpayment for their soul and distrusting the one who created them and paid the bill off. They don't accept God, so here's that place. Known, if you're a person in physics, it's another dimension. Those people who don't believe in heaven or hell, now we use different terms.

Multidimensional universes, supra symmetry, different portals to different worlds, multiuniverse, yeah, we can talk to them and say, "Yes, what you called a multiuniverse or different dimensions, the Bible uses terms like heaven and hell for some of those realities. Interesting. Long before they even thought about that. So, are you going to be in this place, in this dimension, shut off from God? Or are you going to be in this one where it only gets better and better? Choose life. All roads lead to God, one road leads to God as both Lord and Savior, all other roads lead to God as Lord and judge.

I don't understand how God could allow my loved one to die. I can't understand how God would allow my father, mother, whoever, to die. If you live long enough, you see people come and go. I've seen people I love dearly come and go. The people that I loved, the people they loved, die. Coming and going. Death is wrong. It's never going to right. God calls death, in his view, 1 Corinthians 15:26, the last enemy, God calls death. The last enemy to be destroyed God says is in Greek or in Hebrew, the death. God hates death. He calls it his enemy. It ain't from God, it's his enemy. And you know what happens to the enemies of God, they get destroyed. That's the plan for death.

It's already been nailed to a cross, we're watching its out workings there, and in the future it will not be anywhere seen. I envision kids in the school test going, in a future looking back on it,

"Psst, what's death?" "I don't know, I never saw it before either." "What do you think it is?" "I don't know." And they've got to go look it up somewhere. They won't know what it is. It's like you trying to study an ancient disease of the Hittites. It's off the charts. It's not in your experience, it's not in your world anymore. God will destroy that enemy. It's already been destroyed, it's out workings are occurring, and it'll be fully out when all is said and done. It will be over, game over.

Sin kills, not God, sin. Sin is to miss the mark and if you miss God you sin, repent, get back on track. If you get left, get back on track, get right. Right now. Why is the Bible telling me to be joyful when bad things happen to me? You ever try to do that? It's not easy. Why did God put me in this trial? I don't like it. Why does God tell me to be joyful when bad things happen to me? Doesn't the Bible say consider it all joy? When I fall, does God put me through bad things in order to make me a better person? There's differences between temptations and trials. Trials from God come from the [inaudible 00:40:53], the root word is nes, which is the same word for miracle. Wow. The Hebrew letters form a word picture, life supporting.

So, a trial from God, as opposed to a temptation from the enemy, a trail from God is going to be life supporting, not death inducing, like Abraham in Genesis 22. And open you up wider so God can pout more blessings your way, because you're not big enough to handle it there. It's like when you want to give something to a child or a friend or something and you know they're just not ready for it yet. So you've got to let them grow into it there. That's how it goes. I like cars, I like Lamborghinis, I like Maseratis, and I like cars. I like speeding... I won't drive fast illegally but I like that. My wife said, "If you ever get a car like that you're going to have to take driving lessons first." I said, "Okay." Why? Because I don't know how to drive those kind of cars. I can sit, I can turn the key, I know where to put my feet, but for that kind of power I'm going to have to come up to speed too.

So, we have to learn. Being joyful is an attitude change. Notice it says consider it all joy, not for the problems, but when you fall because your attitude will lift you up. Your attitude will keep you floating. You can be a rich person with a bad attitude. You can be a healthy person with a bad attitude. It will sink you from the inside out. It's a dead weight inside you. Cut... what's that word? Cut the dead weight. Cut it off. Change your attitude, change your altitude. Zig Ziglar talked about that. 2 Timothy 2:13, God is always with you and will never leave you or forsake you. He ever remains faithful even when we're faithless, for he cannot... that's a can not... deny himself. There are things God can't do. He can't lie, because it's not in his nature. He can't change, because he says I, the Lord, do not change. [inaudible 00:42:50] in Hebrew. And he can't learn, because he knows everything already.

God is true to his own nature. He is not under law, he is not outside of law, law proceeds out of his own being. He cannot deny himself so he will stay faithful to you and me. What about death? We call death, and it's a whole beautiful chapter in the book, Why God? Come and See, death the worthless experience. Death is worth less. It accomplishes nothing for us. It gives us nothing. It's constantly taking from us and after birth it is the next most common experience to the human

race. And is never right. Again, God calls death the last enemy to be abolished. When that's done, we're done. It already started at the cross. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy, I love that word destroy, the works of Satan. I like putting Satan's name in small fonts, keep putting him down. He ain't big, people.

He's just crafty. God will then transfer us from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of his love. There's a transfer. Have you ever made a transfer with an airplane from one place to another? One airport to another? God's transferring us out of the domain of darkness into the kingdom of King Jesus who will take that rightful throne in a very, very near future. It's coming. Transfer us from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of his love. 1 John 3:8 and Colossians 1:13. What about the really bad guys? You ever see really bad guys? It looks like they almost live forever, and they keep doing bad stuff and they evade the law and all that? God has an example though with the Amorites in the Book of Genesis there with Abraham.

It says, "until the cup of the Amorites is full." So, you need a different perspective, much bigger God glasses to see how that really works. Eternity is too long to be wrong. It's too long. So, God gives those people, who God had whole different destiny, for Hitler, for Mussolini, for Stalin, for every one of them and God's giving them the fullness of the years as much as only God knows what they need, to make a right choice, until they use up every place inside of their soul that no more wants God, and they've sealed their conscience and has no more place for grace. So, if in equality, it needs a place to work in the human soul. That soul one day will never be able to say to God, "Oh, if you gave me another chance I could've worked it all out. It would have been different." And God will say to them, with every mouth shut of course, "You literally had every chance you ever could use and needed. You used them all up. There's no more place in your soul to work. Therefore, it stops here and now."

God loves them. They're living a very different life. They're being given every opportunity to get it right. Again, my father died, in the last days of his life at 90, accepting God as his Lord and Savior, his Messiah, Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, thank God. Stalin of Russia, in history, horrific person, killed... depending on who you read... 30 million people plus. Him, Hitler, it's a race to the bottom. On the last day of his life, told by his daughter who witnessed it to Malcolm Muggeridge, and I heard it from Ravi Zacharias the Christian scholar, Stalin before he died and just as he was dying in bed, he saw something in the spirit. God had to either make a personal appearance or send an angel representing God to him, to give him one last chance after killing tens of millions of people in the most horrific of ways including mass starvation.

He gave that son one more chance. Stalin sat up in his bed, shook his fist, and then dropped back dead. Because God loves who he could have been, should have been, who he was not who he became. And who's choice? Stalin's. You and I have choice. Choose wisely. You get one choice. That's enough Stalin. Who's in charge? God. Can I understand God at all? Yes, God wants to be understood. He will be understood. He makes himself understood. You can learn of God, he wants to be known and touched. There are things about God that we will never know,

potentially. But God decides the relationship, if God didn't want you to have any knowledge of him at all, he'd talk a little higher and miss all of us. PhDs and people who can't spell PhD. Nobody would get it right.

But he wants a relationship. Get to know him. How do I pray? We mentioned it earlier, but you pray in faith and as a citizen of heaven with rights and privileges. Since we're fallen, do we always sin? Don't we always sin? Is a Christian a sinner or a saint? Can a Christian be sinless? This is in opposition to a lot of belief systems, but watch carefully and reason it out. Come let us reason together. Can you, in the midst of a song or in deep fervent prayer to God, be not sinning while you're saying that prayer? Yes. Not counting sleep time, can you be absolutely not sinning for a moment? Sure. Five seconds, easy. A minute, yeah. Well, if you do a minute you could do 60 minutes, which is just 60 more of the same.

You could do an hour. You could do a day. You could do a month. You could do a year. Is it a common experience? No. Is it a potential experience? Yes. I find it interesting that in Revelation 144,000 chosen from the earth, were found to be without guile in their mouth. They walked clean. Enoch walked with God. A very interesting life. There's something to stop and look at there. Jesus commanded people after healing them, typically he said, "Go sin no more." There's command on our soul, because since sin is a choice, and you and the Holy Spirit are more than a match for any sin out there, as we mature in Christ we will sin less and less until we get to a state where we don't, through the empowerment of God and a mature walk, and we will not choose to sin anymore.

In different areas, you don't do that already. For example, the people I know and run with and spend time with, though they can pay and buy a gun and sit on top of a building and be a sniper, that's not even in their thought. Actually you couldn't make them do it, you couldn't pay them to do it, it doesn't enter their conscience, because they love God and they love what God loves, which number one is people. So, they don't sin. Track and check every area of your life until we walk like Jesus, through him, for him, unto him, because of him. And with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, you'll be pleasing to the Father.

Why bother? Isn't God on his throne? Yeah, always, never the question. The question is, are you on yours? Ephesians 2:6 says you are seated with him... seated with him, he's in heaven on the throne... with him in the heavenlies. God has a place where you rule and reign with him one day, but we're already positioned there and you should learn to live from there since he said you are there, not only positioned there. What about the really good people? What happens to them? Don't they go to heaven? I haven't met any of these people yet, because what the world calls good, God doesn't. A lot of people do good for selfish reasons. They're not doing it for God, therefore it's selfish.

What does God say about our best works? Our righteousness? They're like filthy rags. That's not

good. If that's the good stuff, what does the bad stuff look like to God? So, who's position and opinion are you using to determine who's a really good person? Not God's standards, and the last time I checked, God is, God in, I'm not. Do people suffer? Yes. The common mistake is to construe trials as tests from God as opposed to allurements, this is more technical, allurements to evil and calamities from Satan. So, when the enemy brings you a temptation, it's an allurement like a hook in a bait. Just because you see it, if you're flipping channels and you see something that you shouldn't be watching in the course of flipping channels, if you didn't determine to go that channel but you're going through the channels and you see it for a moment, that's an allurement. It's bait.

The bait is not the sin. Now, if you stay in the channel and camp out in it for half an hour, you're taking the bait. You got hooked. It's an allurement, a hook, to do it. So, Satan's baiting you. He studies you, unfortunately more than most people study themselves, and seeing what bait... he's trying different baits till you get hooked. He's fishing. We are fishers of men, we should be fishing and getting them in out of his clutches. Now in summation, these are common questions that virtually everybody asks, in one degree or another. Especially as believers, but even the common man. Why God? This brief basic over view answers and opens you up to a much better, beautiful, richer understanding of how God thinks, how God works and when we say, "Why God?" We answer, "Come and see." Thank you for your time.