

# THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

“Injustice upon earth renders the justice of of  
heaven impossible.”

– ROBERT G. INGERSOLL



# GOD IS NOT CULPABLE FOR EVIL

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- **Genesis 3:1-7**
- "The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it."
- **Genesis 50:20 & Multiple Wills**
- "You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people."

# GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER EVIL

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- **Lamentations 3:37-38**
- Who is there who speaks and it happens, unless the Lord has ordained it? ***Do not both adversity and good come from the mouth of the Most High?***
- **Romans 8:28**
- “We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”



# GOD IS ABOVE OUR JUDGMENT

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- **Romans 9:20**

- But who are you, a mere man, to talk back to God? Will what is formed say to the one who formed it, "Why did you make me like this?"

- **Isaiah 55:8-9**

- "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways." This is the LORD's declaration. "For as heaven is higher than earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

# THE CROSS SHOWS EVIL'S PURPOSE

- **Acts 2:23-24**
- Though he was delivered up according to God's determined plan and foreknowledge, you used lawless people to nail him to a cross and kill him. God raised him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by death.

“Christ appears gloriously above all evil in what he did to procure redemption for us in his state of humiliation, by the righteousness he wrought out, and the atonement he made for sin. The evils mentioned, never seemed so much to prevail against him as in his sufferings: but in them, the foundation was laid for their overthrow.”

—JONATHAN EDWARDS



“Then all that evil, which has so prevailed, and so exalted itself, and usurped and raged, and reigned, shall be perfectly and for ever thrust down and destroyed, with respect to all the elect; and all will be exalted to a state wherein they will be for ever immensely above all these things.”

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