

Sermon Notes

The Problem of Evil

Sermon Series - Wk 3 - Why So Much Evil?

Week 1: God gives us the **gift** of **will** to either **follow** his **goodness** or pursue our **evil**.

Week 2: The **dominion** of image bearers link them as the **primary** source of **natural** evil. There are also **spiritual beings** who are a **secondary** source. However, God uses natural **calamities** as **just judgements** on evil.

Why is there the Amount of Evil there is?

Abhorrent Evil: God **could** have created a world with **less** or **no** evil at all, instead there is **unnecessary suffering** that occurs.

The **Best** of **Possible Worlds** hypothesis argues that this world is the **best possible** world that God could **create**.

There could **always** be a **less evil**, and **more good**.

There is a **greater** world **ahead** that God will create.

Scripture Reference: **Revelation** 21:3-4

In this world, why is there the amount of evil there is?

Scripture Reference: 2 **Thessalonians** 2:1-7

God is **restraining** the **amount** of evil there is, but will **release** it one day.

Scripture Reference: **Matthew** 24:21-22

The Lord is **calling** his **Church** to **stand** as a **beacon** of God's **goodness** in this **present evil**.

Challenge:

This week, seek the Lord and ask yourself, does my life reflect a beacon of Christ's goodness in the midst of the evil that is in the world? Seek the Holy Spirit to reveal one area of your life that needs to shine greater.