

Sermon Notes

The Problem of Evil

Sermon Series - Wk 2 - What about Natural Evil?

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

Natural Evil: The **traditional** concept of **natural** evil is that humans do not **produce** natural evils because they are a **bi-product** of God's **actions**.

Two Sources of Natural Evil:

Primary: Humans have a **greater** connection to **natural** evils due to their **position** as **image bearers** and **regents** of God.

Scripture Reference: **Genesis** 1:26

Humans are given **dominion** over the **physical creation** to either be **benevolent** or **malevolent**.

Scripture Reference: **Genesis** 3:9-13 & 17-19

Scripture Reference: **Romans** 8:20-21

The **actions** from human **will**, in **opposition** to God, has **subjugated** the creation under **sin**.

Secondary: There are **angelic free creatures** who are at work in creation, yet they do **not** have the same **dominion** position as **image bearers**.

Scripture Reference: **Ephesians** 6:12

What's **God's role** in natural disasters?

Scripture Reference: **Isaiah** 45:7

Scripture Reference: **Genesis** 6:5

Scripture Reference: **Exodus** 3:7-8a

Scripture Reference: **Isaiah** 33:22

God is the **just** and **unbiased judge** who **holds** his free creatures **accountable** for their **choices**.

Challenge:

Take this week to ponder some of your past choices, whether good or bad, then think about how they can affect the people around you, and those millions of miles of way and in those in the future.