

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.