

Sermon Notes

The Problem of Evil

Sermon Series - Week 1 - Why is there Evil?

Have you ever wrestled with the problem of Evil?

The **Problem** of **Evil**: Why is there **evil** in the world if **God** is **all-powerful** and **all-good**?

Scripture Reference: **Ezekiel** 18:32

Scripture Reference: **James** 1:17

Four Areas to Address:

The **Origin** of the Problem,
Evil in **Nature**,
The **Amount** Evil,
God's **Answer** to Evil.

Pastor Jeremiah's Answer to the Question:

Scripture Reference: **Genesis** 1:26-27

Evil has its **roots** in who **we** are as **image bearers** of God.

God has given us the **unique** ability to make **choices** through our **will**.

Scripture Reference: **Genesis** 1:31

Scripture Reference: **Genesis** 2:15-17

Scripture Reference: **Joshua** 24:14-15

Scripture Reference: **Isaiah** 1:18

Scripture Reference: **John** 1:12

Scripture Reference: **John** 14:15

Scripture Reference: **Revelation** 4:9-11

Evil does **not** come from **God**, but rather **our misuse** of God's **gift** of **choice**.

Scripture Reference: **Matthew** 15:19

Scripture Reference: **James** 4:1

Scripture Reference: **Romans** 1:18-20

Scripture Reference: **Romans** 2:6-8

God's **gift** of **choice** reverberates throughout eternity as we have been given the choice between **laying** our **will** down for his **goodness**, or **pursuing our will** and **rejecting** him.

Challenge:

If you seek to use your will rightly, then this week, say this prayer, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."