

God Means Evil For His **Good** Purposes

God doesn't do the evil, He can only do good (James 1:13). The devil is the doer of evil, not God. However, the scripture says that, "God created evil" (Isa. 45:7). and to agree with the scriptures, we must say, "Amen." Yet in what sense did He create evil? God created freedom with the possibility of His creatures going the evil way of unbelief, so in an indirect sense, He created evil by creating us free beings. So now let us see how God uses the devil's misused freedom, which is evil, for His higher eternal purposes, yet still reins sovereign over His creation—(Daniel 2:19-22; 4:32):

- *This is Joseph's statement of faith after being treated unfairly by his brothers.*

Genesis 50:20

"As for you, you **meant** evil against me; but God **meant** it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

- *God chastises His disobedient sons by using the Assyrian who were Israel's enemy, yet they are the rod of God's anger.*

Isaiah 10:5

"O, Assyria, the rod of my anger, the staff of my fury! And the staff in their hand is my indignation."

- *God will take us through deep valleys to cause us to discover great treasures.*

Isaiah 45:3

"I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hidden riches in secret places, that you may know that it is I, The Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name."

- *God created free beings with the possibility of going the evil way of unbelief.*

Isaiah 45:6-7

"That men may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is

none other. I form the light and create darkness, I make peace, and create evil, I am the Lord, who do all these things.”

- *The greatest evil in all history was when Satan put Jesus on the Cross, yet God meant it for our greatest good.*

Isaiah 53:10-11

“Yet it was the will of the Lord to bruise him; he has put him to grief; when he makes himself an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand; he shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities.”

- *Nothing can be against us, everything is created for our greatest good.*

Isaiah 54:16

“Behold, I have created the smith who blows the fire of coals, and produces a

weapon for its purpose. I have also created the ravager to destroy;”

- *God meant the consequences of the fall to drive us to childlike trust.*

Exodus 4:11

“Then the Lord said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?”

- *Mercy sent Satan to Job for Job to know that he was only complete in God, and not in himself.*

Job 2:3

“And the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still hold fast his integrity, although you moved me against him, to destroy him without a cause.”

- *Job, himself never saw his evil circumstances coming from Satan, but from God. We see through evil to God only.*

Job 2:10

“But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.”

- *Can the creation be wiser than God, and does God not control all things.*

Job 12:16

“With him are strength and wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are His.”

- *Job keep his eyes on God alone, even in the negative.*

Job 16:12

“I was at ease, and He broke me asunder; He seized me by the neck and dashed me to pieces; He set me up as his target.”

- *Even Job's family said that God was responsible for all that happened to Job.*

Job 42:11

"Then came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house; and they showed him sympathy and comforted him for **all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him**; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a ring of gold."

- *God chastens whom He loves.*

Deuteronomy 8:5

"Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you."

Psalms 66:11

"Thou didst bring us into the net; **thou didst lay affliction on our loins;**"

Psalms 102:9

"For I eat ashes like bread, and mingle tears with my drink, because of **thy indignation and anger**; for thou hast taken me up and thrown me away."

Jeremiah 42:10

“If you will remain in this land, then I will build you up and not pull you down; I will plant you; and not pluck you up; for I repent of **the evil which I did to you.**”

- *Seeing God Only*

Lamentations 3:1-18

“I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of **His** wrath; **He** has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; surely against me **He** turns his hand again and again the whole day long. **He** has made my flesh and my skin waste away, and broken my bones; he has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; **He** had made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long heavy chains on me; though I call an cry for help, **He** shuts out my prayer; **He** has blocked my ways with hewn stones, **he** has made my paths crooked. **He** is to me like a bear lying in wait, like a lion in hiding; he led me off my way and tore me to pieces; **He** has made me desolate; **He** bent **His** bow and set me as a mark for his arrow. **He** drove into my heart the arrows of his quiver; I have become the laughingstock of all

peoples, the burden of their songs all day long. **He** has filled me with bitterness, **He** has made me drunken with wormwood. **He** has also broken my teeth with gravel stones, **He** has covered me with ashes. And you have removed my soul far off from peace; I have forgotten prosperity. And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the Lord."

I Peter 4:12

"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which comes upon you to prove you, as though something strange were happening to you."

II Samuel 12:11

"Thus says the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house."

Joel 2:25

"I will restore to you the years which the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and cutter, **my great army, which I sent among you.**"

Amos 3:6

"Is a trumpet blown in a city, and the people are not afraid? **Does evil befall a city, unless the Lord has done it?**"

Jesus would not give Pilate, Herod, nor the devil any power. He saw their evil work, but gave it no power. There is only one power in the universe.

John 19:7

“Then said Pilate unto him, Speak thou not unto me? Know thou not that I **have power** to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

Jesus answered, Thou could have **no power** at all against me, except it were **given thee from above.**”

- *God's sovereignty reigns*

Acts 2:23

“Him, being delivered by determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.”

Acts 4:26

“The Kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom **thou hast anointed** both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do

whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.”

I Peter 2:21

“For even hereunto were you called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps.”

Romans 8:32

“He spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us ALL things?” All means good, as well as evil.

Romans 8:36

“For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”

- *Just because God uses evil, the evil act is not justified, nor does it go unpunished.*

Jeremiah 25:9-12&14

“Behold I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the Lord, and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my

servant, and I will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy the, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations. **I will** take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, and sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle and this land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years, and it shall come to pass when **seventy years** are accomplished, that **I will punish the king of Babylon**, and that nation saith the Lord for **their iniquity**...I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands."

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