



The Notes

Touchy Subjects

Part 2: "How Can a Good God Allow Evil?"

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"I have thought deeply about all that goes on here under the sun, where people have the power to hurt each other. I have seen wicked people buried with honor. Yet they were the very ones who frequented the Temple and are now praised in the same city where they committed their crimes! This, too, is meaningless."

Ecclesiastes 8:9-10 (NLT)

THE EXISTENCE OF EVIL...

1... IS AN _____ TO MY
_____ IN GOD, NOT AN
_____.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever."

Psalms 107:1 (NLT)

"This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all."

1 John 1:5 (NLT)

2...IS A _____ FOR ME TO
_____ MY GOOD GOD.

“O Lord, I have so many enemies; so many are against me. So many are saying, ‘God will never rescue him!’ But you, O Lord, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high. I cried out to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy mountain.”

Psalm 3:1-4 (NLT)

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”

Psalm 23:4 (NKJV)

3... PRESENTS ME AN _____
TO _____ IT.

“Don’t repay evil for evil. Don’t retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.”

1 Peter 3:9 (NLT)

“The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”

John 10:17-18 (NLT)

“I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, ‘Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

Revelation 21:3-4 (NLT)