
[Why does God allow those who believe to suffer?](#)

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Some lessons i learned in reading on the book of Job and dealing with a personal crisis.

Scriptures reflected on...

For ewhatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. - Romans 15:4 16

They were carried off before their time, their foundations washed away by a flood. - Job 22:16

Principles Learned...

- We can not know God's complete plan and event though we try to justify them in our mind we must understand that God's plan may not be seen for generations to come.
- We must not believe that suffering is always the result of our own sin. Even though Job's friends tell him otherwise, Job proves to his friends that his sin is not necessarily the root of his suffering.
- Job's was not tied down to a human covenant that his friends claimed, but Job was rather covenanted with God directly. This show the importance of our personal covenant with God not through an institution.
- We must be allowed to be used. God allowed Satan to test Job's commitment. We must be prepared to allow God to use us.
- We must not be like Job's friends. In some ways Job's friends were representing the beginning of the early church that was bound by a law not by righteousness. However, we need to talk to our friends just as Job did.

Simple Conclusion...

We must not ask "Why" but "How". We often ask ourselves why are we suffering, but the answer Job gives is not that we won't ever suffer, but "how" we should suffer.