

sin. The young observer Elihu came along and told Job the same thing.

The real reason Job was suffering was that Satan, the leader of the fallen angels, was trying to get him to turn from God. Because Satan cannot dethrone the Lord, he opposes Him by attacking His followers (1 Peter 5:8). He strikes at God by tempting us to sin.

One reason for suffering, therefore, is that it's part of a larger, cosmic struggle. During hard times, we face the choice to trust God or to turn from Him. If we endure suffering with our trust in the Lord unshaken, we will thwart Satan's efforts and glorify our God. —DCE

*How oft in the conflict, when pressed by the foe,
I have fled to my Refuge and breathed out my woe;
How often, when trials like sea billows roll,
Have I hidden in Thee, O Thou Rock of my soul. —Cushing*

When your world is shaking, run to the Rock.



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Why Good People Suffer

**The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job?" —
Job 1:8**

My Sunday school class has been studying one book of the Bible each week. Beginning with Genesis, we are looking at the theme, structure, and uniqueness of each book. Little did I realise that two women in my class were eager to get to the book of Job. They are nurses who daily confront the problem of human suffering, and they are often asked hard questions about God's role in it.

All too often the explanation for suffering is similar to that expressed by Job's three friends who came to sit with him. One after another, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar told Job that he deserved the suffering because of his





I Peter: Overcoming Suffering The Real Enemy.

In 1 Peter 5:8-11, Peter gives us 3 pieces of advice for victory in the world:

1. _____ the enemy, verses 8-9

◆ A _____,
(Ephesians 6:12) "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

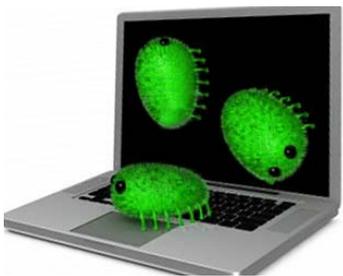


◆ D _____,
(Revelation 12:10) ".. the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, ..."
(Job 1:9) ".. Does Job fear God for nothing?"
(Job 1:11) ""But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!""

◆ R _____,
(John 10:28-30) ""And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. {29} My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. {30} I and My Father are one.""
(Acts 4:1-3) "Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, {2} being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. {3} And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening."
(Acts 6:1) "Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution."

2. _____ well, verses 8-9

◆ _____ up and _____,



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(James 4:7) "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

(Ephesians 6:13-14) "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. {14} Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,"

(James 4:8) "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. ..."

(Ephesians 6:18) "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints;"



3. _____ the outcome, verses 10-11

◆ For _____,

(Luke 22:3) "Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve."

(Acts 2:23) ""Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;"

(Acts 3:18) ""But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled."

(Acts 4:27-28) ""For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together {28} to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done."

(Job 42:12) "Now the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; ..."

(Isaiah 46:9-10) "Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, {10} Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'"

(Proverbs 21:30) "There is no wisdom or understanding Or counsel against the LORD."

◆ For _____,

