

# WHY DOES HE ALLOW IT?



If God is omnipotent, why does he allow it?

Deceivers prosper.

The mean-spirited hold sway.

The innocent suffer.

The powerless are exploited.

Is there no justice in the universe?

When will the evildoers be called to account?

## The Good News:

**There is justice in the universe.**

Every wrong will be paid for and righted.

The exploited and abused of all time will have their day.

**And there is also mercy.**



The God of the universe has taken on himself our guilt.

He has redeemed us at the price of his own suffering....

**...if we will but receive his mercy and live in it.**

***All we like sheep have gone astray.  
We have turned very one to his own way,  
And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.***

Isaiah 53:6



You were predestined to salvation.

You are given the gift of free will....

...to receive it and walk in it,

...or to reject it.

***Surely he has borne our sicknesses  
And carried our pains....***

***Yet he bore the sin of many,  
And made intercession for the transgressors.***

Isaiah 53:4, 12



*Prayer: Thank you, Lord, that there is justice in the universe. Thank you that every injustice will be righted. Thank you for bearing our sickness and carrying our pains...and for bringing us true peace in the midst of crisis and sorrow. Lord, we also thank that there is mercy in the universe, so much mercy. Thank you for offering mercy to us in the sight of the injustices we ourselves have committed. Help us to accept and live in the mercy that you suffered so much to bring us. Thank you for your intercession and your offering which brings us life and the ability to stand before the Holy of Holies ...clean without spot. We open ourselves even now to draw close and be covered by your mercy and love. Amen.*

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