



Part 4: If God is Good, Why are Things So Bad?

Two things everyone has said:

It's not _____ **FAIR** _____

I want _____ **JUSTICE** _____

Why this is a hard concept:

LORD, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, you will never die...Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.

1. God is _____ **GOOD** _____

2. God is _____ **ALL POWERFUL** _____

Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?
- Habakkuk 1:12-13 (NIV)

God's answer to the problem of justice

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.

*He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because **in his forbearance** he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—*

He did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.
- Romans 3:25-26 (NIV)

What can we do?

Stop asking for _____ **FAIR** _____

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

Start praying for _____ **FAVOR** _____

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. - 2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

Stand upon God's _____ **FUTURE** _____

He has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”
- Acts 17:31 (NIV)