

# Did God Intend Suffering?

There was no suffering in the Garden east of Eden. Suffering entered with the Fall when humanity was placed outside of the Trinity's perfect conditions. Life on Earth since then has had suffering as a common component of everyday life for every person.

But, did God create suffering? That question has been asked by billions of people since Christianity became a dominant religion. Probably, every person alive today has asked that question.

The answer is the same as the answer Jesus of Nazareth gave to those who wanted to be introduced to Father. He said, as you've seen me, you've seen Father. That's because he and Father were one – i.e. in an intimate relationship of oneness. What he was really saying was this, "I reflect who Father is, in my life and my character, because we are connected in intimacy. He's trained me to think and operate like him, and out of his heart. In other words, we are of one heart and mind."

Taking that concept of Jesus reflecting Father, we can answer the topic's question. What was Jesus of Nazareth like?

The man Jesus never brought suffering into people's lives while he was alive. In fact, his main purpose was to reintroduce the Kingdom as it was in Adam's innocent times, where there was no suffering. Every time Jesus impacted a person, it included the by-product of reducing their suffering. That means that the Trinity didn't create suffering – they want to eliminate it. (Just refer to their promises to the Israelites about their life the Promised Land.)

Here's that perspective as presented by Mike Parsons:

*"Did God intend suffering? No. Does God uses suffering to bring good out of it? Yes, because it happens. God is always good and always wants to bring good out of every situation and choice that we make. And therefore, what we have decided has created suffering in the world. What we have done has allowed evil to flourish.*

*God didn't create evil. In one sense, the word 'evil' in one understanding is 'hardships, toil and labour'. That's what the word ['evil'] means. *Πονέρος*<sup>1</sup> in Greek means 'hardships, toil and labour', which is what happened when they followed their own independence. It became hard. They were no longer able to work with Creation in symbiosis and harmony and bountiful production. They now had to do things in their own strength, by planting and by the sweat of their own brow, where nothing was hard before that.*

*So, there is a obviously a lot that's happened, but God didn't create Adam and Eve with the intention that suffering would come into the world, because he knew that it was inevitable, that they were going to make that choice, because he lived with them in the moment of imminence with them in relationship. If they had continued to follow that relationship, [it] would have led them into maturity. They were not mature, so, like children, they followed their own independence, because they weren't fully mature yet. So, God intended their maturity.*

*But also Lucifer was going to be part of that maturity process in that he was reflecting the nine fire stones from the stones that were on his body to reflect the light of the glory of God. But they would have been able to follow and enter into, but obviously Lucifer left that role, as well. So, there was something missing in God's purposes for their maturity.*

*Now ultimately, we still can follow that path of maturity, back to maturity, and we can follow the path that God has created for us and we can engage The Fire Stones and we can engage The Tree of Life and we can engage everything that was available to Adam and Eve before they fell ."*<sup>2</sup>

(Permission to quote Mike Parsons received on 20-7-2020)

1 – πονηρός - toilsome, bad. Full of labors, annoyances, hardships; a. pressed and harassed by labors.

[biblehub.com/greek/4190.htm](http://biblehub.com/greek/4190.htm)

2 – Mike Parsons (22-12-2023) "Did God intend suffering?" [youtu.be/sAAp3d-yPZY](https://youtu.be/sAAp3d-yPZY) [0:00-2:30]

The facts remain: Father is always good; he always operates out of love; and he's a perfect father to his sons. If a person doesn't agree with those facts, they'll continue to falter in their beliefs by attributing evil and suffering to the one(s) who never created it.

For more information on this topic, hear all of what Mike had to say here:

**VIDEO: "Did God intend suffering?" Mike Parsons**  
[youtu.be/sAAp3d-yPZY](https://youtu.be/sAAp3d-yPZY)

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