

God Was With Joseph Genesis 39

If God is all-powerful and all-loving, why does He allow us to suffer?

Different types of suffering:

- Deserved suffering-
- Undeserved suffering-

Different attitudes toward suffering:

- All suffering is sent by God.
- Suffering is evil.
- Suffering is to be avoided at all costs.
- Today's suffering meets the hope of eternity.

Psalm 119:50 "This is my comfort in affliction, that your promise gives me life."

God's Promise Involves Pain.

- He would give Abraham "this land" but his descendants would be enslaved Genesis 15:7-14.
- He made a covenant with Abraham and his descendants, Genesis 15:17-19.
- He gave Joseph dreams that brought pain into his life, Genesis 37:5-11, 18-28, 36.

God's Presence Brings Blessings to Us, 39:1-6.

(Slides 39:1-6)

- The Lord is with us when others treat us unjustly.

- As God blesses us, others are blessed also.

God's Presence Brings Blessings When We Suffer Unjustly, 39:7-23; 40; 41.

(Slides 39:19-23)

- Sin breaks trust and is against God.
- Others will slander us.
- The Lord is with us when we suffer unjustly.
- God sovereignly moves us into positions of authority to accomplish His purposes.

What People Plan For Evil, God Works Out For Good, 50:15-24.

(Slides 50:19-21, 24)

- God uses for our good, what others intend to use to harm us.
- God uses our suffering to accomplish His promises.

God allows suffering in our lives to reassure us of His presence and sovereignty.