



Tomorrow: Facing a Future Without Fear

Good & Evil PT 1a

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Passover starts Today

Read **1 Peter 3:13-17**

Intro.

1. In a world filled with death, pandemic, and evil, how are we to face what feels like an unknowable future? What do we do with our anxiety regarding the days ahead? This study will provide comfort and reassurance to those living in uncertain times. This (study/ no message) will discuss **Good versus Evil**, the **After Life**, the future of **Christ's Second Coming**, and what believers should do while awaiting his return.

2. Paul encourages believers to be prepared, to cling to the truth of what they have been taught, and to live responsibly in light of the future. How can we take these words to heart, and face the future without fear? Paul wanted the church in to be thoroughly educated about the Second Coming of Jesus so they wouldn't be afraid or confused. We can live with confidence in the present when we are biblically informed about the future.

1. Why Does Evil Exist in God's World?

Three truths:

1. God is good.

a. His _____ is Good. **Ps. 100:5**

b. His _____ are Good. **Gen. 1:31**

2. God is all-powerful. **Jeremiah. 32:18**

3. The world is evil. **Jn. 3:19, 1 John 2:15**

2. How can all of these be true?

There is no _____ without _____.

Two Truths to Remember

1. God is sovereign.
2. Mankind has free choice.

Three Reasons Why Evil Exists in Our World Today

God's Will: Because God Allows Evil

1. He made a world in which evil _____ **Gen. 3**
2. God allows evil to _____
 - A. God allows us to make evil Choices. **Psalms 81:12**
 - B. God Allows painful consequences for the evil choices we make. **Lev. 5:17**

God's Response to Suffering

The fact that God allows suffering does not mean he enjoys suffering.

1. He directly _____ some suffering. He is the punisher of evil (**Isaiah 13:11**).
2. He has _____ for all suffering (**2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Lamentations 3:22-23; Matthew 14:14**).
3. He is willing to _____ for us in our suffering (**Psalms 46:1; Hebrews 4:16**).
4. He develops our _____ through suffering (**James 1:2-4; Hebrews 2:10**).
5. He will one day _____ all suffering (**Revelation 21:3-4; Romans 8:18**).

1.a. character b. actions 2. love, choice, Reasons: allows, could exist, continue to exist, Response: 1. Causes 2. Compassion 3. Care 4. Character 5. Cease