

## Luke 13, John 9:1-5, "Disturbing Conclusions, Part 2"

- ✚ Does this seem fair? Well, it isn't!! Life is not fair, and we don't want it to be. Disturbing Conclusions:
- 1) Life isn't fair, because if it were, all sinners would get what they deserve.
  - 2) As a sinner, I'm not entitled to anything but Hell, so every day I wake up not in Hell is a good day. Don't confuse any of your blessings with anything that you have done, God is just being good to a sinner. If He takes away our blessings that He allows into our lives simply because He is good, then is He any less good?
  - 3) I shouldn't complain about the bad things, I should be very grateful for the good things. I'm a recipient of mercy and grace.
  - 4) God doesn't owe me anything, not even an explanation.
  - 5) God's got a right to do whatever He wants, God gives, and He takes away, it's His stuff and He's got a right to do with it whatever He wants.
  - 6) When I do good, God doesn't owe me good in return. "In the same way, when you obey me you should say, 'We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty,'" Luke 17:10. Being good doesn't erase the fact that you've been bad, never did, never will. Our works of righteousness cannot undo what we've done, or Jesus died for nothing.
  - 7) When bad stuff happens, it may not have anything to do with our behavior. What God does with Job in no way reflects His opinion of Job, Job was His favorite!, Job 1:8. John 9:1-3, this man had not done anything to cause his blindness.

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**Bad things don't happen to good people, but bad things do happen to God's children, and God's saints.** Never forget that there aren't any people who are intrinsically good, but there are those who have been declared good by a gracious act of God, the Bible calls these people "saints." Reasons why Bad things happen to God's saints.

1. So that God can be glorified, Jesus taught us to pray: "Hallowed be Thy Name" which means "make your name famous oh God; Glorify your name through my life." Do we mean it? What if He can be better glorified through our illness or disability? Is it OK if He afflicts us? What if He can be better glorified in your life through trials and tribulations? Is it ok for Him to lead you into those things? How was God glorified in His Son?, His suffering and death! Was God being glorified in the life and experiences of the man born blind? His story has been written down for posterity in the inspired Word of God which will never pass away. God did not take us straight to Heaven the moment we trusted Jesus as our Savior but has left us here for the purpose of being a display for His glory. When bad things happen, it impugns the reputation of God temporarily people say, "how could a good God allow such a thing." You see, it's just the opposite, He's being very good to us, we are sinners worthy of Hell, anything short of that is good. God is willing to risk temporarily being misunderstood in exchange for permanent glory in and through our lives. He's willing to risk the negative conclusions of making an example of us for the sake of the positive and permanent conclusions. That God can be glorified? Is that's OK with you? I feel that God can be better glorified in blessing me than in allowing trouble in my life, how about you?, He doesn't always agree.
2. A second reason why bad things happen to God's saints is, that it is for their own good, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:7-10. Don't you want to be useful? Don't you want to be strong in Christ? Don't you want the power of God flowing through your life? Well, it just may take some difficult things to get you there, is that OK?.
3. A third reason that bad things happen to God's saints is to correct and discipline us. Just because there may not be a direct relationship between what we do and what happens to us doesn't mean that there never is!

**The man didn't know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, "Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you." John 5:13-14**

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