

Sermon Notes

God's Sovereignty

Job 1

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Sovereignty and evil

If God is powerful and good then there shouldn't be evil so either God isn't powerful or he isn't good.

The alternative views:

Atheist shoulder-shrug; Eastern Karma cycle; Islamic submission; Buddhist detachment; The God who wrings his hands

The Bible's answer:

- **God is in control of all evil:**

Genesis 50:20; Job 1; Acts 4:27-28

- **God is good and there is no evil in him:**

1 John 1:5; Psalm 5:4; Deut 32:4

How do these hold together? The principle of proximate causation

Job 1:20-21

- **The greater good – the glory of God**

Exodus 33-34; Isaiah 42:8, 43:7; Ezekiel 39:21ff; John 9:1-3; Romans 9:22-23 etc.

- **The glorification of God in the death of his Son** – John 17:1-3

Taking the truth deeper

What do you find hard about these truths? What do you find reassuring about these truths? Take that to God in prayer now.