

Mysteries of Creation:

Does God Create Evil?



Scripture

- **Genesis 1:1-3**

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was formless and void and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the wasters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

- **Isaiah 45:5-7**

"I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God. I am the LORD, and there is no other, the One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity. I am the LORD who does all these."

- **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me to keep me from exalting myself! Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Other Scriptures

- Numbers 21:6
- Numbers 16:32
- Matthew 3:17
- Matthew 4:1
- Romans 8:28
- Luke 7:36-50

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Main Points

- The Hebrew Word Elohim is plural; In English, God is plural.
- God takes responsibility for creating even the darkness.
- One of the benefits of studying the Hebrew Bible is getting a broader picture of God's nature, personality, and the way that He operates.
- God uses even the darkness to accomplish His own purposes.
- God uses even the darkness to create something beautiful and something good.

Discussion Questions

1. How does it demonstrate God's power to know He creates both light and darkness, refreshment, blessing, and yet hard times as well? How does this make sense with God's goodness and love?

2. How did Satan's messenger and his evil, become the very thing God used to develop humility and strength in Paul, the Apostle? Knowing that God is not afraid to take responsibility for and use evil to bring about perfection and good, does this help bring you comfort for every aspect of your own life? Write about this.

3. Resistance from the adversary is something God uses to build our faith. Write about this from your experience. How is this shown in athletics? What is God's ultimate purpose for your life? Thank God for everything that happens in your life!