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If God Is Good



Faith *in the* Midst
of Suffering *and* Evil

GOD'S INVITATION TO TRUST HIM IN OUR SUFFERING

God will replace our present suffering with future good.

For thus says the LORD: "Just as I have brought all this great disaster upon this people, so I will bring upon them all the good that I promise them." (JEREMIAH 32:42)

God uses trials to strengthen our faith.

... You may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trial. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. (1 PETER 1:7)

God hears our prayers and gives us peace.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7)

God promises a New Earth where he will live with us and make all things right.

God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. (REVELATION 21:3-4)

God will take the worst things that have happened to us and use them for our eternal good.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (ROMANS 8:28)

The eternal benefits of suffering will far outweigh its temporary costs.

Our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. (ROMANS 8:18)

Despite suffering and evil, God is good.

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him. (NAHUM 1:7)

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