

“Why Do Bad Things Happen? – Part 2”

Sermon Series “God Questions: Real Questions – Authentic Faith”

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Genesis 2:4-7

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:15-17 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

1. We are created with three elements (Body, Soul and Spirit)

a. Body is our structure. Plants and animals also have bodies.

b. Soul is our center of willing and emotion. Animals also have souls.

Genesis 1:24 “Let the earth bring forth “living creatures” (souls) of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind”

c. Spirit is what allows us to connect with God. Only humans have a spirit.

I Thessalonians 5:23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. We do bad things because we want to be our own God.