

“Why Do Bad Things Happen? Part -2

Sermon Reflection Questions – February 19, 2012

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

Last week we began looking at the question of why bad things happen. We saw that one of the reasons is that we live in a fallen world. God created the world perfectly and will at the end of times create a new heaven and a new earth that will mirror His original intention in creation. But because of the fall of man the world also has experienced consequences such as diseases and natural disasters. Another element, however, of why bad things happen is because people themselves have become corrupt by the fall and lead sinful lives that affect themselves and the world around them.

1. What bad things do you see in the world that occurs because of human behavior?

2. In the first point on the sermon we talked about the three parts of our being: our bodies, our souls and our spirits. The first is our bodies; what were our bodies like before the fall? What happened to our bodies after the fall? (See Genesis 2:15-17)

3. The second aspect to our being is our souls. Our souls are the ways in which we think, will, feel, and the way we relate to one another. Describe what our souls were like after the fall. (See Genesis 3:11-12 as an example)

4. The third aspect to our being is our spirit. Our spirit is what allows us to have a relationship with God. Describe what our relationship with God was like before the fall and then after the fall. (See Genesis 3:23-24)

5. I said that the essence of sin is that we want to be our own God; see Genesis 3:4-7. How was the nature of the first sin a desire of Adam and Eve to be their own God?

6. If you think about the evil or bad things that are done by humanity, how can all of it be traced back to a fundamental issue of wanting to be the God of our lives?

7. People will sometimes wonder why God wouldn't just get rid of those who do these bad things. Why do you think? (Read Psalm 73 for an example)