



Does God Allow # 2

Hello everyone. Welcome to “Notes from the Presence.” Today we continue on - does God allow? In our last article, we talked about the source of good, today we are going to focus on the source of evil and why it is on our planet.

To start, I would like to paint a picture for you. Imagine a king - let's say the king of Spain back in the days of colonialism. He goes out and conquers an island nation like the Dominican Republic. Then, he puts a delegate on the island to rule the new territory in his stead. In fact, the delegate is none other than his own son. The son's job is to bring and enforce the kingdom dominion of Spain on the new nation.

In a round about way, this picture mirrors how our heavenly Father designed our planet and also the purposes for which He created humankind - for a family venture of bringing the rule of heaven to another dimension. Imagine, for an instant, the creation that God made and the order in which He made it. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). Notice He created the heavens first, then the earth. God made heaven out of a different substance than the earth, but He created both of them in the same manner - with His word. Heaven is made out of a substance called the spiritual, and the earth is made out of a substance called the natural. So, heaven exists in the spiritual realm while earth exists in the natural realm; however, because the spirit realm was created first, it is the womb of the natural realm. Our world and everything we know was created out of spiritual substance but then separated into a brand new natural existence complete with it's own elements, time clock, and energy sources such as our sun. In a way, our earth is like a brand new territory of heaven and right from the beginning, God desired for it to be "on earth as it is in heaven."

God then created humankind. He created us in His image, making us sons and daughters, and giving us a unique makeup suited to our job. First He created us with a body that gives us the authority and ability to live and rule here on this earth, but He also

made us a spirit. Our spirit ties us to heaven. In order for us to carry out the kingdom of heaven mandates on this earth, as advocates of heaven, we need to be able to have one foot on the earth, and the other in heaven. For this reason, God created us in a way that we are able to access both the spirit and the natural world, getting our directives from heaven (the mother land) and then enforcing and releasing those directives here on earth (God's new colony).

Now, there is one other thing that God did in creating us, and this part actually blows my mind. He gave us freedom. I cannot overstate this point. If you were to ask most people what the number one character quality of God would be, my guess would be (even if secretly) they would say God likes to control things. Most people truly believe that God is a control freak. However, God is truly not into control, He is into goodness. He is all about incomprehensible freedom on a scale that could never be measured in human terms. He trusts us, believes the best in us, and releases us. Once God gives us something, there are truly no strings attached. He gave us this earth to rule in His stead, and even faced with a decision that would alter the state of our world for thousands of years, He did not intervene or usurp our freedom. He let us rebel, give our ruling authority to a sinister spirit, sin, and release a wicked curse on our earth without intervening. God was, in fact, so serious about our freedom, that He "allowed" us do exactly as we wished. He did not enforce His will over ours - He never does.

With these thoughts and pictures in mind, let me sum up with a tragic scenario. God created a perfect world. Everything was in sync with His most admirable character trait - it was all GOOD! We could still be living in this world had we not sinned. He gave it to us to caretake for Him - no strings attached - He gave us perfect incomprehensible liberty and freedom. However, we rebelled against the kingdom of heaven and God let us have what we demanded - our independence. Now, we live on an earth devoid of the influence of heaven. We were the foolish ones here. Because of our transgression, a bitter curse was released upon our earth. We also turned the ruling power of our world over to an evil spirit force who hates the God who created our world, hates His sons and daughters, and will do anything he can to wreak havoc in our environment. The curse has created all kinds of mutations, viruses, sickness, weakness, foolishness, and disaster. These things, coupled with an evil spirit who knows how to use these hellish forces to destroy our human bodies, poison our minds, bring about pain, suffering, and every other thinkable malady gives us a pretty good idea to the source of "not good" or evil on our earth.

I would like to be clear here. When it comes to our earth and evil, the only "allowing" that God has done, was to allow us to do what we desired. We, in partnership with the devil, have filled our earth with violence, hatred, and destruction. So the big question -

why did God allow my son to die, or my friend to get cancer, or - you name it. The answer - God did not allow it, we did - in partnership with a sinister and evil personality called the devil. God only allowed us the freedom to make the choice to live in a cursed world, a choice we made nearly 6000 years ago. We demanded our independence from the kingdom of heaven, and so God gave it to us. Now when evil and disaster strikes in our world, we shake our fist at God and say - GOD WHY DID YOU ALLOW THIS! Friends, I don't think so. God had nothing to do with it. He has limited His intervention in the affairs of this earth to the authority that He handed over to Adam and Eve when our kind was created. The "gifts and callings of God are without repentance," and this goes for the original calling that we were given as humans - to govern this planet for heaven. Friends, we screwed it up, not God. God never intended for our world to be over run with sorrow and disaster, but we demanded our own version of freedom, and now we are stuck with the very mess that we created. Does God allow? No. We did - and do.

There is good news in this whole scenario and it is found in Jesus and the cross. God has made a way for us to live in good and freedom again through His Son and we are going to discuss God's great rescue mission for our world in our next article.

In conclusion, God is good - good things come from Him. The devil is evil, bad things come from him and the partnership we have forged with him over the span of 6000 years. Here is an epic dividing point scripture to end with today.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy; I (Jesus) came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Thanks for reading today. Jesus is real and our God is serious about freedom - "whom the Son has set free is free indeed!"