

“How Come God . . . ?”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Romans 8:18-23

I. ...Allows Suffering Due to Natural Disasters?

A. A Recent History of Natural Disasters...

1. Earthquakes:

2. Floods:

B. So Where is God?!

1. Disasters invite the inevitable question, “Why would an all-powerful & all-loving God do such things?!”
a. Atheists use this question to confound some believers into questioning the love and power of God.

2. The question, “How come God allows natural disasters,” is not a bad question.

1 Peter 1:6-7

Romans 5:3-5

Romans 8:24

3. The poet Keats, called our life on earth, “The Vale of Soul-Making.”

C. God's "Life Lessons" Provided by Natural Disasters

1. _____:

James 1:2-4

Jonah 1:12; 2:7

Jonah 1:5, 6, 14, 16

2. _____:

Hebrews 11:7

1 Peter 3:19

2 Peter 2:5

3. _____:

Acts 11:28-29

Matthew 25:34ff

James 2:13

4. _____:

Genesis 3:4-6

Genesis 5:5

James 4:14

CONCLUSIONS:

Romans 8:18

2 Corinthians 5:10

1 Peter 3:20-21