

“How Come God . . . ?”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 12:4-11

I. ...Allows Suffering Due to Sin?”

A. God’s Discipline of Unbelievers...

1. Unbelieving People in the Old Testament:
 - a. Egypt, with Pharaoh “god-king,” brought suffering upon his people due to his rebellion against God.

Exodus 5:1-2

Exodus 12:29-31

- b. Ahab & Idolatrous Israel

1 Kings 16:33

1 Kings 17:1

James 5:17

B. God’s Discipline of Believers...

1. God’s people turned away from Him in the wilderness. Each step led them further away & into idolatry.
 - a. In the New Testament we learn the extent of their sin...

1 Corinthians 10:6-11

Exodus 12:23

Numbers 21:4-5

Numbers 25:1

Exodus 32:1, 4, 6

1 Corinthians 10:6

C. God's Discipline of Individuals . . .

1. After committing adultery with Bathsheba and then murdering her husband Uriah, God disciplined David.
 - a. God sent Nathan to rebuke David for his sin (he thought he "got away with sin). **3 Consequences:**

2 Samuel 12:10

2 Samuel 12:11

2 Samuel 12:14-15

2. There are numerous accounts in the Bible of people whose sins brought about their own suffering...
 - a. Old Testament:

Genesis 3:23

Genesis 6:13

Genesis 18:20

- b. New Testament:

John 5:14

Matthew 27:5

Acts 5:5

- c. But do not think that all suffering is caused by someone's (or even our own) sin!

2 Corinthians 13:5

CONCLUSIONS:

2 Peter 3:9

Hebrews 12:6

John 3:16

1. Christian Response to Suffering Caused by Sin:

1 John 1:9

Acts 3:19

2 Samuel 12:22-23

2. How Someone Who Wants to be a Christian Responds:

Acts 2:36-41

Mark 16:16