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God Does Not Cause Calamity - Episode 3

Far too often in Christian circles we hear things like, “God brought this [sickness/disease/tragedy/judgment – fill in the blank with some bad thing] to teach me and grow me.”

That’s a boat load of hogwash.

You think that’s harsh? I’m sorry. But that’s what it is.

God does NOT bring calamity on us.

He is NOT judging us for our sins.

Natural disasters are NOT “acts of God.”

Do bad things happen to godly people?

Absolutely. All the time. You’d have to be in serious denial to think otherwise.

In fact, the Bible, and Jesus himself teach us that we’ll have problems come against us in this life. Jesus said that we’d have trouble in this world, but then he went on to tell us to take heart, or as the Amplified Bible says it, “*take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted,*” because He has overcome the world.

Jesus also promised we’d face persecutions, even in the midst of being blessed.

Yes bad things happen all the time, to good people and to not so good folks. But God is NOT the cause of them.

There’s a difference between Making Lemonade and Handing Out Lemons

A lot of folks look at Romans 8:28 which says,

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.



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Many people look at that and say, “See! God brought this on me to do good things with it. He gave me this cancer so that he would be glorified”

Wrong, wrong and wrong!

Yes, God is with you through the cancer. Yes he will bring good from it and will be glorified as you draw closer to him in your trial. God will take that lemon and make lemonade out of it.

But God did NOT bring it on you.

God is in the business of taking our lemons and making lemonade. He’s not in the business of handing out lemons.

Did you ever notice how almost always there are police officers around when there is a traffic accident?

It’s sort of like how God is always present when bad things are happening to us.

Yet if we were to say that because police are at so many accidents then they must be the ones who cause them, we’d be fools.

That’s exactly what people say about God. God’s there in my trial so it must be his fault.

The Man Born Blind

Sometimes people point to Chapter 9 of John, which tells the story of a guy who was born blind that Jesus healed. There’s one verse in particular that people claim says, “*God brings sickness so that he will be glorified.*” Let’s Look at it in context. John chapter 9 starting in verse 1:

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”— John 9:1-5

Jesus didn’t say God made this guy blind so that God would be glorified in it.

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Basically what Jesus is saying is, “You guys are missing the point. This isn’t about the cause of the blindness or how it started. Watch this!”

The important thing is that God is going to end his blindness today. Sure God will be glorified. He’s glorified in the removal and healing of sickness and disease, not in causing it.

That’s all for now. We’ll continue this next time.