

How Can a Good God Allow Suffering? (Selected Scriptures)
Asking for a Friend, Part 5
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How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? Look on me and answer, O Lord my God... (Psalm 13:1-3, NIV)

The Problem of Evil: If God is good and all-powerful, why is there evil? If God were good and all-powerful, he would both desire and be able to destroy evil. The fact that evil exists means that either God doesn't want to destroy evil—in which case he isn't good—or that he isn't able to destroy evil—in which case he isn't all-powerful.

Questions to Ask about the Problem of Evil...

1. Is evil's existence really a good argument _____?

2. Why is evil... _____?

Thinking Through the Problem of Evil...

1. _____.

2. _____.

3. _____.

4. _____.