

1: Why Doesn't God Intervene to Protect Us? She Blossoms

God doesn't want us to be phony and plastic when we endure hardship. Honesty is integrity, and it will keep your heart from utterly failing. In spite of how he reacted to these struggles, David recognized the God was ALWAYS holding him by His hand (even when David acted like a jerk towards God).

Does God need us? God is holy, eternal, almighty, and totally self-sufficient. He does not need any created being, but we do need Him. All of creation is dependent on the life that God alone sustains. When you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust Psalm God, on the other hand, is not dependent on anything or anyone. He suffers no lack, knows no limitation, and experiences no deficiency. If He needed anything to stay alive or to feel complete, then He would not be God. So, God does not need us. But, amazingly, He loves us passionately, and in His goodness He wants us to live with Him forever. So 2, years ago, God Himself put on skin, came to Earth, and gave His very life to atone for our sin and prove His deep love for us. Jesus certainly knew what was going to befall Him at the end of His earthly ministry Mark 8: In His anguish in Gethsemane, as He prayed about the trials that would soon befall Him, blood-tinged sweat dripped from His brow Luke And Jesus surely knew very well the prophecy of Isaiah And that torture was followed by something even worse, the crucifixion itself, the most painful and vile method of execution ever devised. This is the price God paid for us, and this is how we know that He loves us. Because of this incredible and unwarranted love for us disobedient sinners, we are offered eternal life. Salvation is a gift, given freely for the asking, because of the breathtaking, voluntary sacrifice by the one true God. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We understand the depth of His love for us:

2: God don't need us, we need him.

Our strength doesn't come from ourselvesâ€”God offers us His strength. So come back next week to pick up each piece of God's armor, dust it off, and put it on with me. So come back next week to pick up each piece of God's armor, dust it off, and put it on with me.

Back in , my grandmother told me something that I will never forget. God is good to us, but he does not need us. We need to understand that. Man is vain-- One man thinks he does God a favor by getting saved. Another man thinks he hurts God or diminishes his power by blaspheming or rejecting him. Find your category below-- Job The righteous do not increase the power of God and the wicked do not take away from the power of God. God has existed from eternity past without my love and he will continue enthroned in power and glory and might long after the vilest blasphemer is burning in hell and the lake of fire. God will be God forever regardless of what a man does or does not do. He is self-sustained in no way relying on man. We can help better or hurt a man like us but this we cannot do with God. The Lord Jesus Christ, who is God , did not need the testimony of man. Let us take instruction from the gospel of John. When the Lord Jesus was in Jerusalem at the passover in the feast day, many people believed in his name when they saw his miracles. When an unregenerate, hellbound man speaks evil of Jesus it does not mean anything in terms of who God is. God is beyond this world, high and lifted up. The wicked blasphemer is only digging his own pit--into which he shall surely fall. Some of us think that we are doing God a favor by going to church or reading the Bible. We even think we are doing God a favor by acknowledging him as the Lord of our lives. God does not need us, we need him! Let us reason together and truly understand this thing. As my mother would say, "God is God all by himself". God created the heavens, the earth and the sea and all that dwell therein. God created Pluto and Saturn and Jupiter and the sun. God created light and scattered the darkness, God made the swift cheetah and the delicate butterfly. God made the evaporation system. God made the industrious beaver and the tiniest micro-organisms. God made the food chain. God made the gorgeous diamonds and rubies. God made you and God made me. God does not need our oblations or anything else from our dusty frames. They light it and stick it in the little pot. Their god needs them. Because they created him. Let us understand this thing. God does not even need the smallest thing from me. I am God, even thy God. He does not need me for the most minute thing. God does not need me--YET he stretches out his beautiful hand to me through his only begotten Son sacrificed for me. This leads me to meditate on Psalm 8: I literally cried when I got a hold of this verse. It is amazing to me that the Lord God is even mindful of this dusty frame. Why would he even bother to think about me? Why would he leave his glory to die on a Roman cross for me while I was yet a vile, wicked sinner who rejected Him? This brings us to why God made us in the first place: God made us for his pleasure, not because he needed us. He made man in all good intention and kindness. The following was spoken in reference to the Levitical priesthood with whom God made a covenant-- "My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. The New Testament teaches that Christians which includes Jews and Gentiles form an holy priesthood ref. And what doth God require of us? In spite of what God has done for us, we reject him. We live without regard for his statutes, commandments, precepts, and laws. We want him to stay out of our affairs so that we can do what we want to do. Violence, abortion and other murders, suicide, despair, loneliness, drunkenness, etc. Put the blame where it belongs--on man. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his OWN lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: Do not err, my beloved brethren. If you are a scoffer, I would ask something of thee, The last time you lied, did God make you lie or did you lie because you wanted to? Of course, you lied because you wanted to. According to the Bible, lying is a crime just like murder--you are no different from the man who kills--just like you, he did it because he wanted to. Men kill and plunder and steal and backbite because they want to--just like men lie because they want to. We are all a bunch of criminals in need of forgiveness. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. He can only draw on the lusts already resident within the wicked human heart. We sin because we want to--Satan can only tempt you. Some man may say to me, "If God made man in his image, then why do we have the capacity to do

evil? Man is able to reason. He subdues plants, animals, etc. In making man in his image, choice is one of the attributes God wired man with. The very first man chose evil, sin entered the world, and the curse of sin continues with us today. Why do we do evil? Because we choose to. When Adam and Eve were made, they were made free agents that could have goals and hope in the future and they could look around and make decisions. Being free, they even had the ability to obey or disobey. The curse of sin continues working in all mankind until this very day manifesting in these outrageous outbreaks of crimes, murders, blasphemies, heresies, lies, thefts, etc. God knew that there would be a woman named Tracy who would want him and desire him. He knew that there would be men, women, boys and girls, babes and sucklings, that would want to rejoice in his love. He allows this wicked world to continue until the harvest is complete and the last saint gets saved. There will be no abortions--everyone that is to be born again will be born. And when the harvest is finally complete, this room, this computer, those trees, that lake, those flowers, this universe will be destroyed and everything will be made new. And in eternity, the righteous will dwell with God. But the unbelieving, and abominable and those reprobate unto every good work will be cast out into the lake of fire which burneth with fire and brimstone. We need to be begging God to be saved. We often act like we do God a favor by turning to him. He does not need us, we need him. When a man gets a hold of this concept, he will truly see.

3: Jesus Doesn't Need You to Defend Him

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We live in a world where many people have given up on God because they do not think that He loves them. They believe that if God loved them, God would not let any bad things happen to them. Yes, this is what God wants to do. The problem is that we want God to protect us when we have actually kicked God out of our lives. How can He protect us when we keep Him at arms length and want Him to stay clear of our lives, unless we need protection? How can God protect us when we do not want to listen to Him? There are only two ways that God can protect us against harm. The first is to make robots out of us. That is, He dictates everything we do. This takes away our freedom. We no longer have the ability to do anything that we may want to do. Do you want to live like this? The other way is for us to put ourselves under His care. This means that we commit to doing only what God wants us to do. We are still free to make our own decisions. We are still free to do what we want to do. The only difference is that now we prefer to listen to God and do what He says that we should be doing. When we do this, God will lead us out of harms way, as much as we allow Him to do so. The problem is that the majority of people, especially here in America, have said that we want to do everything our own way. In other words, we have said that we do not want to be robots, nor do we want to listen to God. This is why God cannot protect us. Schools used to welcome God into their environments. But then the Supreme Court said that our Constitution proclaimed that there must be a separation between government and religion. However, this is not in the Constitution. Read it carefully, you will not be able to find it. If this is true, then it is no longer possible to teach morality because we can each determine what is good and what is not. It is no wonder that there are so many discipline problems in our schools. In fact, even though the Bible says that homosexuality is an abomination to God, our schools are now teaching the homosexuality is a normal life style. How can God protect us when we are teaching our children the exact opposite of what God has declared to be true? This may not be yet happening in your own schools, but it is spreading across America. When we no longer teach the existence of God or His truth in our schools, how can children learn that God can protect them if they will only follow Him? If we no longer teach the morality that is the central teaching of Christianity, how can our children grow up knowing the difference between right and wrong? They believed in it and wanted it available to the public because they were creating their laws based on the teachings of the Bible. Now, our current government wants nothing to do with it. In fact, now they are creating laws that are actually contrary to the Bible. Judges have even declared it unconstitutional to have a copy of the 10 commandments in our courtrooms, in our schools or anywhere on public property. They do not want God to have any influence in our government life. And we wonder why so much evil and destruction is happening right here in America. Our courts have declared that abortion the killing of unborn babies is constitutional. So, if killing unborn babies is OK, how sacred is life? No wonder people kill so easily. This has lead people into the idea that sex is just a normal part of life. Some schools even furnish condoms to their students. When movies first began to be produced, most were based on the morality that was taken from the Bible. Now, most of it is based on just the opposite. The teaching of modern Hollywood is anti-Bible. Today, the vast majority of the entertainment we receive through radio, TV and movies is anti-God. It is based on the concept that there is no God and thus, no ultimate truth. They teach that truth is relative; it is whatever we want it to be. In other words, we make our own truth and thus, our own morality. The entertainment industry promotes profanity, violence, and illicit sex and America has said that this is OK. We sell music that encourages rape, drugs, murder, suicide and satanic themes and we wonder why people engage in these things. When we give vulnerable people wrong ideas, they will try out those ideas. When we allow the advertisement of sin, we encourage sin. The more that children see sin on TV and in the Movies, the more they will want to try what they see. Is it any wonder that sin is exploding in America? Is it any wonder that God cannot protect us? We have cast Him out of our everyday lives. We have told Him that we want nothing to do with Him. How can we expect Him to protect us? Together with the Holy Spirit, this is the only true God. All other religions are false

and will lead us away from God. And yet, in our government, our schools, our entertainment, etc. Americans are accepting the false idea that all religions are equal. Americans are even accepting the idea that Islam is just as true as Christianity. In fact, Atheism is being accepted as being just as true as Christianity. However, if you study the concepts of all religions, including Christianity, you will discover that even though there are many similarities, they contradict each other. They simply cannot all be true. The current trend is even more devastating. Now, other religions, such as Islam and Atheism are being given more importance than Christianity. Look at what is happening across America. Atheism is allowed to be taught in our schools, but Christianity is not. Time is being given to Muslims to pray in our schools, but Christians are not. How can we expect God to protect us when we are telling Him that we do not believe that He is real? Our Current Situation All of this has led us directly into our current situation here in America. We cannot even discipline our children any more. According to recent court rulings, this is unconstitutional. We are proclaiming that what we do in private does not matter, as long as we do a good job in our public lives. The problem is that what we do privately does spill out into our public lives. One thing that has always puzzled me. People believe that if it is in print, it must be true, except what they read in the Bible. We live in a society that has rejected God and yet we still expect God to protect us. It just cannot happen. The sad part is that evil is rampant in America and Christians are going to be caught up in that evil What can we, as Christians, do? All we can do is pray and listen to what God tells us. However, we do have an opportunity to bring America back to God and that is through prayer and the ballot box. But did you realize that multitudes of Christian do not even vote? Many do not vote because they cannot find a candidate that believes exactly as they do. So they refuse to go to the polls and vote for the best person who is running. However, when you refuse to vote for the best person even though you do not like some of the things he stands for , you are actually allowing a vote for the other person. Remember, Jesus will never run for public office. You must vote for the person that has the best chance of turning our country around. Do you want God to protect America? Then pray and vote for the best not perfect person.

4: What Does the Bible Say About Defending God?

A curious thing about God is that He never seems to defend Himself! This is important for us to understand as we face the daily spiritual battle.

She shared her story with me over email. Then I met Clay. He was the site technician at work, and I thought he was cute. He was older than me so I made sure to check for a wedding ring, and there was none. Well, sure enough, Clay kept chatting with me whenever he got the chance, and eventually we exchanged numbers so we could chat more. Right after that he confessed he had a fifteen-month-old daughter and was married. I was shocked, but under the pretense of not being judgmental I accepted it and decided to be a good friend to him. Bad things happened, and I was left reeling. We were a great personality match. We had this faux relationship for a little while where I poured out my heart to him and almost decided to get rid of my faith altogether so I could be with him guilt-free. Eventually I went back to God and confessed things were messed up and the fling ended, but I was left in loneliness, despair, confusion, and felt broken beyond repair. My heart aches for Renee, and I want you to be protected from the same mistake. And she certainly never should have agreed to go to his house alone. How Unprotected Are You? Unlike Goliath, we need to put on the whole armor of God and not leave a single place unprotected. Our fight is described as a wrestling match. The devil has schemes or strategies that play on your weaknesses. In any battle, those who are standing still have a shot at winning. Are you down on the ground? Are you lounging on the couch? I love how Matthew Henry says it: Satan is the wicked one, and his kingdom is the kingdom of sin: She spends her days caring for her son, Iren, and writing for Revive Our Hearts. You can catch all her writing on PaulaWrites.

5: God Does Not Defend Himself

I know I struggle with why God doesn't "protect us" (in the way that we may like Him to) in some circumstances. But he doesn't promise that we will be problem free here on earth. Just when we get to eternity (if we are believers).

The Bible confirms that God ordered the killing of thousands of people. Is all killing the same? The KJV was translated in the early 17th century using an archaic form of modern English. In the last years, the English language has changed significantly. Unfortunately, the vast majority of those who read the KJV both believers and unbelievers are unqualified to know what the text means in many instances because of word meaning changes. The verse translated "Thou shalt not kill" in the KJV translation, is translated "You shall not murder" in modern translations - because these translations represent the real meaning of the Hebrew text. The Bible in Basic English translates the phrase, "Do not put anyone to death without cause. Hebrew law recognized accidental killing as not punishable. In fact, specific cities were designated as "cities of refuge," so that an unintentional killer could flee to escape retribution. To answer the question whether God breaks His own commandments, we need to determine if God committed murder. The Bible is quite clear that God has killed people directly the most prominent example being the flood and indirectly ordered peoples to be killed. If God ordered or participated in the killing of innocent people, then He would be guilty of murder. The flood According to the Bible, God killed every human except Noah, his wife, his sons, and their wives in the flood. Were any of these people killed unjustly? The Bible says specifically that all people except Noah and his family had become corrupted. Recent history proves the point rather well. When they began their purging of the undesirables. Further examples are given on another page. So, the Bible indicates that no innocent people were killed in the flood. God orders killing What about when God ordered Joshua and his people to kill every man, woman and child in Canaan? God told Moses that the nations that the Hebrew were replacing were wicked. The text tells us that they were burning their own sons and daughters in sacrifices to their gods. For these reasons and others, God ordered the destruction of the peoples whom the Israelites dispossessed. What about the children and other "innocents" Surely God could have spared the children! People tend to assume that children are innocent, even if their parents are doing bad things. The assumption is unfounded. For example, Palestinian Muslim children are officially taught in grammar school to hate their Jewish neighbors. Surely there must have been other innocent adults in those cities who were destroyed with the wicked! There actually is an example of a time when God was asked if He would destroy the innocent along with the wicked. Prior to destroying Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham asked God if He would destroy the righteous along with the wicked. The lowest number Abraham asked about was ten righteous people, although the answer would likely be the same with as few as one righteous individual. How do we know this? God sent two angels to warn the four righteous people in Sodom to flee before He destroyed the city. In fact, God saved certain people from being killed in cities such as Jericho. The commandment actually refers to premeditated, unjustified killing - murder. Although God ordered the extermination of entire cities, He did so in righteous judgment on a people whose corruption had led to extreme wickedness, including child sacrifice. Did God destroy the righteous along with the wicked? In an exchange with Abraham, God indicated that He would spare the wicked to save the righteous. He demonstrated this principle by saving righteous people from Sodom and Jericho prior to their destruction. The charge that God indiscriminately murdered people does not hold to critical evaluation of the biblical texts.

6: God and War: What the Bible Says About the Just War Theory

And He doesn't need our defense today. 3) God speaks softly When Elijah went to the mountaintop to search for God, a hurricane force wind came out to meet him.

Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. You shall seek them and not find them – those who contend with you. Those who war against you shall be as nothing, as a nonexistent thing. He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the Lord has said to you. With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem! You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man. Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for my help. Also draw out the spear, and stop those who pursue me. For You have maintained my right hand and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness. He prepares for Himself instruments of death; He makes His arrows into fiery shafts. For by strength no man shall prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken in pieces; from heaven He will thunder against them. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth. He will give strength to His king, and exalt the horn of His anointed. O Lord, has dashed the enemy in pieces. And in the greatness of Your excellence you have overthrown those who rose against You; You sent forth Your wrath which consumed them like stubble. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. You went forth for the salvation of Your people, for salvation with Your anointed. You struck the head from the house of the wicked. You must not fear them, for the Lord Your God Himself fights for you. And he was eaten by worms and died. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. I will give you peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make you afraid; I will rid the land of evil beasts, and the sword will not go through your land. You will chase your enemies, and they shall fall by the sword before you. Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall by the sword before you. Freely you have received, freely give. For I will not trust in my bow, nor shall my sword save me. But You have saved us from our enemies, and have put to shame those who hated us. In God we boast all day long, and praise Your name forever. And great grace was upon them all. I will not leave you nor forsake you. For by You I can run against a troop; by my God I can leap over a wall. As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him. He makes my feet like the feet of deer, and sets me on high places. He teaches my hands to make war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze – I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed, I have wounded them, so that they were not able to rise; they have fallen under my feet. For You have armed me with strength for the battle; you have subdued under me those who rose up against me. The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people. He will roar like a lion. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved. He guards all of his bones; not one of them is broken. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies. And the Lord shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him. My help come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore. Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength. You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell. Though an army should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, in this I will be confident. What can man do to me? The Lord is for me among those who help me; therefore I shall see my

desire on those who hate me. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. All nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. What can flesh do to me? Through God we will do valiantly, for it is He who shall tread down our enemies. He is near who justifies me; who will contend with me? Let us stand together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near me. Surely the Lord God will help me; who is he who will condemn me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; the moth will eat them up. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever. And make the voice of His praise to be heard, who keeps your soul among the living, and does not allow our feet to be moved. I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feather, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your habitation, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample. Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.

7: Bible Q | Does God protect us from harm?

But God does not always protect us from the consequences of bad financial decisions or our lack of diligence in working. "Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you" (1 Thessalonians).

You ask two questions: Does God protect us from harm? Would God send a liar to be with you? First question " does God protect us from harm? God protects his children from harm sometimes, but not at other times. God uses circumstances to refine the characters of his children. Examples of God protecting his children from harm: When Elisha and his servant were surrounded by the Syrian army, God sent his army, unseen, to protect them " 2 Kings 6: We often experience trouble, but are saved out of it by God. It is part of life to experience trouble and harm. Consider the experiences of the apostle Paul mentioned in 2 Corinthians Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one"I am talking like a madman"with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Once I was stoned. And the sufferings of the son of God: And after three days he will rise. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. But through all these afflictions, God was with them. They will receive their ultimate deliverance at the resurrection when Jesus returns to earth. The challenge for us is to remain faithful to God through all our afflictions. Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Second question " would God send a liar to be with me? Bad things happening to us, can be the result of various factors. We know that God tests people. We know that God puts pressure on people to develop their characters. The book of Proverbs gives us some very good advice. For example, Proverbs The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps. The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it. In life, we need to be very careful about our friends and who we become involved with. God gives us extensive advice in Scripture, which if we follow it, protects us from evil people. If we sincerely love God, we will be looked after " Romans 8: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. The LORD is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

8: Does God need us?

God has given us the means to protect ourselves. If you have to defend yourself from a physical attack (assuming you weren't provoking the attack), go ahead and properly defend yourself. But the Bible makes it clear that we shouldn't be seeking violence. We are told over and over again to love.

Bible Study Software Question: A man was baby sitting the seventeen month old son of his girlfriend when he struck and killed the infant for acting like a girl. A year-old resident is charged with drowning his two toddlers in scalding hot bath water. These are two stories I picked out of thousand, like babies being kidnapped, raped, and then strangled to death, or kids accidentally drowning in swimming pools. My question is how can anyone considered God a loving God, let alone actually being "love," when He sits by in full awareness and full capability of intervening, but He does nothing while these little innocent babies are being killed. Or when a child falls into a pool, He does nothing but stand by and watch them suffer and die. Now if I personally had seen a baby fall in a pool drowning and sat by and did nothing I would be considered sick and cruel, and would even been sent to jail. But God does nothing and He gets the label of being merciful and loving? I find that absolutely ridiculous. Innocent children being tortured while the all powerful loving God does nothing. Why does he not help? So much for a loving God. If anything the God of Christianity sounds like the complete opposite of the "God of love. Hope you have a good response to change my mind and heart before your "loving God" sends me to hell to be tortured for eternity for not believing. When He can just speak as He supposedly spoke years ago saying this is My Son Jesus who am well pleased. If you are determined not to believe, then that is the choice you will live and die with. No one can change you against your will. To make your point more emotional, you pick out the sin of killing the innocent. I point out this passage to show that God does find the killing of children disgusting. What most wish to ignore it that God finds other sins that are generally accepted equally disgusting -- but that is because few people want to think of themselves as horrible sinners. The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power; and My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end? Let me pause a moment and talk about why God intervened with Sarai. If such were true, then God would not have allowed Adam and Eve to have sinned in the garden. I sure there were other women who also found themselves in difficult situations, yet God did not intervene for them either. The true reason is that God made a promise to Abram, "I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing" Genesis Though not directly stated at the time, God later makes it clear that He included Sarai in that promise. God always keeps His Word: It had nothing to do with the sinful choices of men; it had everything to do with God seeing that His promise was kept. Pharaoh marrying Sarai would have prevented that promise from being fulfilled, so God intervened. You presented your case as an either-or proposition, but you were not comparing similar things. But we are back to the question, why does God allow evil to exist? That is really the core of your question when you strip the emotionalism from it. If God instantly destroyed every person who killed an innocent child, how many would be alive today? The number would have to include all the parents and doctors who aborted their children. Suddenly the numbers get quite large. But if those people were instantly destroyed, where is the mercy to allow them a chance to repent of their sins? The children, at least, we do not have to worry about because they died in their innocence and are with the Lord. When the world would have ended with Adam and Eve. Far be it from God to do wickedness, and from the Almighty to commit iniquity. For He repays man according to his work, and makes man to find a reward according to his way. Surely God will never do wickedly, nor will the Almighty pervert justice. Who gave Him charge over the earth? Or who appointed Him over the whole world? If He should set His heart on it, if He should gather to Himself His Spirit and His breath, all flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust" Job God wants to save people from their sins, but to do that the punishment for sin must be delayed to give the sinner a chance to repent. God tolerates the existence of sin for a time because it creates a distinction between those striving to do right and sometimes failing and those desiring to be wicked see Romans 7: When we sin, we see the effect of evil on our lives. In addition, the continued existence of sin forces man to be humble before our God. The mess that we make of our lives shows

us that we need someone greater than ourselves to lift us up out of our own mire. In the place of judgment, Wickedness was there; And in the place of righteousness, Iniquity was there. I said in my heart, "God shall judge the righteous and the wicked, For there is a time there for every purpose and for every work. Finally, when we fight against evil, the very battle strengthens us. What shape would I be in if I laid in bed all day? Many of us realize that we need regular exercise to stay fit. We could take a passive attitude and say, "Why bother? Now move this idea to the spiritual plain. What kind of shape would I be in if I never exercised my spiritual muscles? Even though the choices are not always enjoyable, I need to learn to make good decisions to be more fit to serve God. The very fact that you recognize that the murder of innocent children is wrong proves that you agree with God and Christianity that it ought to stop. People ought to give up their sins and live righteously. He has given you ample evidence, which you have accepted in part, that He exists and that He stands for righteousness. If you end up in hell, it will only be because you chose to walk there. God will be just give you what you deserve, despite His desire that it be different. Otherwise you also will be cut off"

Romans Thank you for taking your time to answer my questions. Yes, I was very upset and emotional. If God was real I believe He would have done a much better job communicating with us, especially if getting it wrong would land you in hell for eternity. I think this shows quite clearly that people are confused in what to believe and according to your religion all these people will go to hell if they die in those beliefs. One last question how would you feel if at the end of your life or in the end of days that you find out Jesus was not savior and perhaps Islam or Judaism was the true religion and now God sends you to hell because you worshiped a idol even though you did your very best? You loved God, you served Him with all your heart, you thought you were doing everything He wanted you to do and then you find out your going to hell? I would expect you would be upset. It is true that sometimes a child dies despite the best efforts of his parents to protect him from harm. Yet, there are times when innocent children die because their parents neglected to do their duties. For example, why was a child left in a hot automobile? Why was a child allowed to play in a pool without supervision? The point then is made that sometimes children die because people are sinful. Some intentionally harm children, while others cause harm unintentionally through their neglect to do what is right. Another avenue of sinful harm that is being overlooked is Satan. The book of Job tells us that Satan sometimes causes harm to increase the misery of someone he is trying to turn away from God. But Job saw the reality. Whose fault was it that the children died? One thing that appears to be missing is that you assume that a child is worse off for dying young. If this life was all that existed, perhaps that would be true. But the Bible teaches that this life is just a brief introduction to eternity. A child who dies is with the Father. Could God prevent all accidental harm? Yes, but how would that help? They become wild and careless because nothing ever happens to them. God made the world with laws. If you fall off a roof, you are going to get hurt. If you try, you will drown. It is because God understands that we need difficulties to challenge us to improve James 1: God allows sadness and hardships to come because these provide the training His children need to grow up. Sometimes harm comes simply by chance. For man also does not know his time: It is possible to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Children still die no matter what your belief system is. I see the world as it is.

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She was killed by her husband, who also took his own life. He simply wept, because His heart was broken for the pain and suffering we face. And Jesus responded to each of them in different ways. He responded to them the way they approached Him. And Jesus wept with her. God will meet you where you are. But before He can meet you and heal your wounds you have to go to Him. In the beginning Cain killed Abel in Chapter 4 of Genesis. Jesus, the light of the world, our Savior and shepherd, the Son of God Himself! And, He DID intervene a million times, too. Why does He protect His faithful people sometimes, but not always? But I do know terrible things happen to everyone, Christian or not. Rich, poor, smart, foolish, beautiful, plain, old, young we all face pain, loss, hardship, and grief. And what about the time that guy broke into my apartment in the middle of the night and tried to rape me? He brought two knives into my bedroom! This happens all the time God is working all the bad things together for our good. But what about death, loss, grief and murder? But I think it has something to do with love. True love is allowing freedom of choice. If you truly love someone, you accept them for who they are, what they choose, and how they live. God truly loves us, which means He allows us freedom to act, choose, and do what we want. He accepts us for who we are our abusive, violent, cruel, awful selves. He tries to teach us how to live, and He lets us live the way we choose. And we screw it up, over and over starting in Genesis. We are His people, and He loves us too much to try to control us. How Little Bee and the Holocaust helped me I grew up reading young adult novels about girls living through the concentration camps in Nazi-occupied Germany. I think I read a couple for book reports at school, as well as some on my own time I loved to read! Those books made a huge impression on me I grew up with the reality of evil. I believed in God, but I also knew the pain of the Holocaust. A book that recently pierced my soul was Little Bee: One scene in particular: The littler sister hides under an overturned canoe; the older sister 12 years old is repeatedly gang raped on top of the canoe by the boy soldiers. I think about that scene almost every day. Those horrible, painful memories tear my heart apart, and they drive me to God. They help me remember that life is bittersweet, and I have no idea why things happen the way they do. How do Little Bee and the Holocaust help me live a joy-filled life despite the grief and suffering in the world? By helping me see that our world is bitter, and yet life is so sweet. Life is tragic in some ways, and amazing in others. There are no easy answers, my friend. The only way to find peace is to take your questions and pain to God. Pour out your heart, and ask the Holy Spirit to comfort and guide you through the depths. You will come out the other side! Trust, and keep moving forward. Hold both the bitter and the sweet in your life. Weep like Jesus wept and love like God does. Accept yourself you are a child of God, created not to understand His ways. You were created to love and glorify Him. How do you feel, what do you think? I welcome your thoughts below. Do you need encouragement? Subscribe to my free "She Blossoms" newsletter! My Blossom Tips are fresh and practical - they stem from my own experiences with a schizophrenic mother, foster homes, a devastating family estrangement, and infertility. Take good care of yourself, especially now. Be kind and gentle with your progress, and allow yourself to heal. Above all, keep looking up to Jesus. He is the source of all joy and peace.

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