

Episode #623 The Why Question 8: The Final Answer

I. One of the most difficult questions we must ask ourselves regarding God, life, and the world is the “why” question. We who believe that there is a God Who is all-good and all-loving and Who made the world must answer why then this world is such a terrible place and in such a mess.

II. Even though it is our (Adam’s) choice that the world is in the mess it is in, and even though Satan is responsible for much of the things that are wrong with the world today, the God of love could still act to save us and not allow this mess to go on. Why has He not yet stepped in?

III. The final answer: God WILL save the world someday when His kingdom comes to earth.

- A. Psalm 9:8. All will yet conform to God’s judgments. To “judge” means to determine what is right, then set things right.
- B. Acts 17:31. Christ’s resurrection assures us that God will set up the world order in righteousness someday. Christ is the One through Whom He will do it!
- C. Psalm 82:8. A call for God to go into action. This prayer becomes a prophecy. All nations will one day become His, not just Israel.
- D. Psalm 46:9. All wars will then cease because of God’s actions.
- E. Psalm 22:27. All people all over the world will realize Who the true God is, and this will result in many among all nations worshipping Him.
- F. Psalm 37:11. There will be abundance of peace. Abundance means that there is more than enough. Today there is not enough peace to go around. Someday, there will be so much we will need no more.
- G. Isaiah 11:9. The hurts of this world will be gone. All will know God. What does it mean that the waters cover the sea? To the Hebrew mind, the sea was not just the water itself, but the bowl the water is in. Imagine being on the sea floor. That is what it will be like when the world is immersed completely in knowledge of God.
- H. Isaiah 41:18. The curse on the ground will be lifted, and even the desert will be well-watered. Imagine how this would improve the fruitfulness of the earth!
- I. Isaiah 33:24. Illness will come to an end, and iniquity will all be forgiven. This will reverse the effects of sin and death that Adam brought into the world!
- J. Isaiah 30:21. All will be directed in their ways by God’s Spirit. God will no longer be silent, but will direct our daily lives.

IV. Paul’s testimony regarding the kingdom.

- A. Romans 8:18. Our current sufferings are nothing in comparison to the glory that shall be revealed in us in the future.
- B. II Corinthians 12:1-4. Paradise? Revelation 2:7, 22:2. Third heaven? II Peter 3:6-7. The third heaven is the future heaven and paradise is the future earth of the new heavens and the new earth. Paul saw the final goal that God is bringing everything to.
- C. II Corinthians 11:23-30. Paul did not say this because he had an easy life. Paul suffered more than any of us! He knew what he was talking about when he told us it would all be worth it.

V. Conclusion: The third part of our answer: God is going to make everything right again on earth someday. He will not allow the effects of Adam and Eve’s sin to go on forever, or the rule of Satan over the earth to continue perpetually. When God takes control of the earth once again, all that is wrong with this world will be made right. The wonderfulness of that time will make the sufferings of this present time seem like nothing in comparison. All the bad things now are far outweighed by the good then. This can give us courage as we live in this calamitous world.