

Episode #641 - The Why Question 26: God Ends Iniquity

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. One of the most prevalent problems on earth is the iniquity and wickedness of human beings. As inevitable as this seems to be, we have seen from many Bible passages that God is going to cause all this to cease. Iniquity will come to an end.

III. We are living in a most difficult time. Though many of us personally may not be touched by it, many never live a minute of their lives without fear, struggle, and difficulty imposed on them by iniquitous men. Iniquity must come to an end. Yet this end will not be by the second coming of Jesus Christ. There will be a Divine assumption of sovereignty, when God assumes rulership over mankind.

IV. The Reign of God Ends Iniquity.

A. Revelation 11:16-17. In Greek = You do reign, You do govern. To take to yourself power is to assume sovereignty.

1. Matthew 28:18: all authority in heaven and in earth have been given to Jesus Christ. As far as the earth is concerned, He has not presently taken to Himself that great power. Instead, He is acting exclusively through His grace.
2. In Revelation, God will have withdrawn the restraints that existed throughout the kingdom of God, and people can again do as they please. Yet even while humanity is being tested, that is still a part of government, just like an exam is part of a professor's teaching. This exam is to see who is to be abolished from the earth at the second coming of Jesus Christ.
3. God is not governing today. If what we are getting from Washington and Moscow and so forth is God's government, who needs it? But in the future He will take to Himself His great power and govern.

B. Psalm 93:1. Jehovah has become king. He does not have to wait for someone to cloth Him in fine garments to be majestic. The world is not established today, but it will be when He does this.

C. Psalm 103:19. God is here speaking of things that are not as if they were, Romans 4:17, as if He had already done this when He has not.

D. Psalm 96:1. There will be a new song in the earth then.

E. Psalm 96:10. I could not say this today. Nations set up rulers and bring them down. They set up one form of government and then overthrow it. This is not God reigning! Yet He will yet do this. The world is being moved now. It will not be then.

F. Psalm 97:1-10. Fire is a symbol of judgment, and from Yahweh will go words of judgment. The heavens will declare just what is righteous in God's sight. He is high above all the earth. We are to hate evil.

G. Psalm 99:1. All peoples will rejoice when God assume sovereignty.

V. Conclusion: Many of the tragedies of this world are caused by the wickedness of wicked men. Yet God is not going to allow this situation to continue forever. God will enlighten the world and all iniquity will be stopped. This will take place when God acts to take control of the governments on earth and to begin His government over the world. God is going to end iniquity by ruling and taking sovereignty over the world. Jesus Christ has all authority, and He is going to use it to rule the world someday, but this will be long before His second coming.