20 common questions about the Bible and God:

**1. Who wrote the Bible, and how was it compiled?**

The Bible was written by around 40 different authors & inspired by the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16). It was compiled through careful selection by early church councils, based on authenticity, consistency, and divine inspiration.

Some Authors came from a variety of backgrounds, including kings, commoners, shepherds, physicians, and scholars. Some of the more well-known authors include:

* **Moses**: Wrote parts of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Psalms
* **David**: Wrote Psalms
* **Solomon**: Wrote Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon
* **Ezra**: A priest and scribe who is believed to have written Ezra and Nehemiah, and possibly 1 and 2 Chronicles
* **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John**: Known as the Four Evangelists, these authors are credited with writing the four Gospel accounts

**2. What is the Bible's main message?**

The Bible tells the story of God's love for humanity, redemption through Jesus Christ, and His plan for restoring the relationship between God and people (John 3:16).

**3. Who is God, and what is His nature?**

God is the Creator, eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, and loving. His nature is holy, just, and merciful. He reveals Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Exodus 34:6-7; Matthew 28:19).

**4. What is the purpose of life according to the Bible?**

The purpose of life is to glorify God, enjoy a relationship with Him, and fulfill His will (Ecclesiastes 12:13; Isaiah 43:7).

**5. How can we know God exists?**

God reveals Himself through creation (Romans 1:20), the Bible, Jesus Christ, and the inner witness of the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 1:1-3).

**6. What does the Bible say about salvation and how to be saved?**

Salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ, by grace, not by works (Ephesians 2:8-9). Confess, repent, and believe in Him for eternal life (Romans 10:9-10).

**7. What is the Trinity, and how does it work?**

The Trinity is one God in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ), and Holy Spirit. Each is fully God, sharing the same essence but distinct in roles (Matthew 28:19; John 10:30).

**8. Why does God allow suffering and evil in the world?**

God allows free will, which can lead to sin and suffering. However, He can use trials for growth and redemption (Romans 8:28; James 1:2-4).

**9. What is prayer, and how should we pray?**

Prayer is communication with God. The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) provides a model: praise, submission, requests, confession, and seeking God’s will.

**10. What does the Bible say about heaven and hell?**

Heaven is eternal life with God (John 14:2-3), and hell is eternal separation from Him (Matthew 25:41). Belief in Jesus secures heaven (John 3:16).

**11. How can I know God's will for my life?**

Seek God through prayer, study the Bible, listen to the Holy Spirit, and trust in His guidance (Proverbs 3:5-6; Romans 12:2).

**12. What is the Holy Spirit's role in a Christian's life?**

The Holy Spirit guides, teaches, comforts, convicts of sin, and empowers believers for holy living and ministry (John 14:26; Acts 1:8).

**13. What does the Bible teach about sin and forgiveness?**

Sin is disobedience to God. Forgiveness is available through Jesus' sacrifice. Confess and repent to receive His mercy (1 John 1:9).

**14. How can I trust that the Bible is true and reliable?**

The Bible is historically and archaeologically validated, internally consistent, and fulfilled in prophecy. Its transformative power testifies to its divine inspiration (2 Peter 1:21).

**15. What is faith, and why is it important?**

Faith is trust in God and His promises. It pleases God and is the foundation of salvation (Hebrews 11:1; Ephesians 2:8).

**16. What does the Bible say about end times and the return of Jesus?**

Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead, establish His kingdom, and bring eternal justice (Matthew 24:36-44; Revelation 21:1-4).

**17. Why are there so many different denominations of Christianity?**

Denominations arise from differences in interpreting scripture, worship styles, and traditions, but all Christians agree on salvation through Jesus (Ephesians 4:4-6).

**18. What is the meaning of grace and mercy in the Bible?**

Grace is God's unmerited favor, giving us blessings we don't deserve (Ephesians 2:8-9). Mercy is God withholding the punishment we do deserve (Lamentations 3:22-23).

**19. What does it mean to live a Christian life?**

Living a Christian life means loving God, obeying His commands, loving others, sharing the gospel, and growing in faith (Galatians 5:22-23; Matthew 22:37-39).

**20. How do I study and understand the Bible better?**

Pray for understanding, read daily, use study tools, apply the SOAP method (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer), and seek guidance from teachers or pastors (Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 2:15).

From Question 8 :**Why Do Bad Things Happen to People?"**

**Why Do Bad Things Happen to People?**

Life is full of challenges, heartaches, and suffering. It’s a question many of us wrestle with: *Why do bad things happen to people, especially good or innocent ones?* The Bible offers insight into this profound and complex question, shedding light on God's purposes, the nature of the world, and His promises to us.

**1. The Fallen World and Free Will**

The Bible tells us that bad things happen because we live in a fallen, broken world. Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve’s disobedience, bringing suffering, pain, and death (Genesis 3:16-19; Romans 5:12). This brokenness extends to all of creation.

Additionally, God gave humans free will—the ability to make choices. Unfortunately, this freedom can lead to actions that harm others or ourselves. **Yet, free will is essential for love and genuine relationship with God.**

**Scripture:**

* *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* (Romans 3:23)
* *"The whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now."* (Romans 8:22)

**2. Testing and Refinement of Faith**

Sometimes, God allows bad things to happen to test and refine our faith. Trials can strengthen us, build endurance, and deepen our dependence on God. He uses hardships to mold us into His image.

(Out of our pain is our Purpose)

**Scripture:**

* *"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance."* (James 1:2-3)
* *"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith...may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ."* (1 Peter 1:6-7)

**3. God’s Greater Plan and Sovereignty**

We may not always understand why bad things happen, but the Bible reminds us that God has a greater plan. His ways and thoughts are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9). He is working all things for good, even when we can’t see it.

**Scripture:**

* *"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."* (Romans 8:28)
* *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding."* (Proverbs 3:5)

**4. The Presence of Evil and the Enemy**

The Bible makes it clear that Satan and spiritual forces of evil are at work in the world. They seek to destroy, deceive, and harm humanity.

* *"We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."* (Ephesians 6:12)

**5. God’s Comfort in Suffering**

Though bad things happen, God does not abandon us. He is near to the brokenhearted and offers comfort, peace, and strength in times of trouble. **Jesus Himself experienced suffering and understands our pain.**

**Scripture:**

* *"The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit."* (Psalm 34:18)
* *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28)

**6. Eternal Hope and Glory**

For those who trust in God, there is a promise of eternal joy and restoration. While bad things may happen now, this life is temporary. In eternity, God will wipe away every tear, and there will be no more pain or suffering.

**Scripture:**

* *"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."* (Romans 8:18)
* *"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."* (Revelation 21:4)

**Trusting God in the Storm**

Bad things may happen, but they don’t have the final say. God is sovereign, loving, and present, even in our darkest moments. He uses trials for His purposes, comforts us in suffering, and offers the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

When faced with pain or tragedy, we can cling to His promises and trust that He is working all things for our good and His glory. As believers, we are called to lean into Him, knowing He will never leave or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).