Answering Those Who Blame God

Introduction: A five year old boy was killed when he got off a school bus and was then hit by that bus. We understand the heartache, pain, and anguish all who are involved are going through. One person on the WBKO web site said, that is why I don’t believe in God.

**I) Is That A Reason to Not Believe in God?**

**A) I don’t believe in God because of pain and suffering.**

1. Cancer, human suffering, starvation, wars, accidents, etc.

2. Why would suffering cause one to not believe in God?

**B) Because they don’t like the outcome they reject God.**

1. Does not believing in God make them feel better?

2. Does it bring comfort? Does it give them some kind of hope? NO!

**C) I believe their logic is this**

1. If there is a God, He is all powerful, He loves, and He cares for us, then He would not allow such to happen.

2. Or if this God allow suffering to happen then He must be a cruel God, and I don’t want such a God.

3. Let me say that if the second point is true then such a God would still exist even if you don’t like Him.

4. If the first point is true then and He has all those attributes, then there is something we are missing.

**II) The God of The Bible**

**A) Is all powerful, loving, just, etc.**

1. He created the universe in six days**. Psalm 148.1ff**

2. He is loving, **John 3.16.**

3. He is just, zealous, vengeance, etc.

**B) God made man with free will**

1. Man is not a robot that God controls. **Genesis 6.5-6.**

2. Man has the capacity for great good or evil.

**III) They Miss Understand The Will of God**

**A) There is the expressed will of God.**

1. That which God wants and says will happen, **1 Timothy 2.4.**

2. God determines who will go to heaven and hell, **John 6.44.**

**B) There is the permissive will of God, Jeremiah 19.5.**

1. That which God allows but does not control.

2. God wanted Israel to be faithful and be blessed by Him but He told them what would happen if they turned to the idols. **Deut. 28.15ff.**

3. See this in **Luke 8.32.**

a. Satan was allowed to tempt Job.

b. Man was allowed to build temples, worship idols, sacrifice their children, etc.

**IV) So Why Is There Suffering, and Death**

**A) Big picture answer.**

1. Because of sin, **1 Corinthians 15.21-22.**

2. Because of sin man suffers in this physical world. We grow old, get sick, have bad things to happen, etc. **Romans 8.22; John 16.33**

**B) Little picture answer**

1. We suffer because we are physical creatures and that by definition means we can get hurt, sick, and die. **Hebrews 9.27.**

2. Sometimes we get hurt because of foolishness, Abner killed Asahel, **2 Sam. 2.18ff .**

3. Man’s own depravity, **2 Kings 17.34, 21.10-16**

**V) Other Thoughts**

**A) How could God give man free will and stop all pain and suffering?**

**B) What would happen if God immediately punished those who were doing evil things? Everyone would be dead before long.**

**C) What hope does not believing in God bring to the non-believer?**

**D) What consolation do we have in believing in God?**

1. There is something better waiting us**. John 16.33.**

2. The pain and suffering of this life is temporary but the joy of heaven is eternal.

Conclusion: Do you believe in God? Are you showing it? Are you doing the will of God? The will of God is you accept His Son, do what He says.