

A BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF TRAGEDIES
Selected Texts

1. Why?

The answer is _____.

The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die" (Gen. 2:16-17, NASB).

Romans 1:18-32

Don't be misled – you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live only to satisfy their own sin nature will harvest decay and death from that sin nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit (Gal. 6:7-8, NLT).

2. What is Our _____?

- _____
- _____ with those who _____.
- _____ on what really _____.

Luke 13:1-9

3. What Does God _____?

- You are not _____!
- _____ must come through _____.

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one (John 10:27-30, NASB).

- All _____ are for your _____.

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose (Rom. 8:28, NASB).

Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. But endurance must do its complete work, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing (Jas. 1:2-4, HCSB).

- God says he will never _____.

. . . He Himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you (Heb. 13:5b, HCSB).