

When bad things happen

Assorted texts

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I. Many Reasons for it

1. Our fallen world

Romans 8.20-21: *For the creation was subjected to frustration...in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.*



2. Our free will

Heb 12.1: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

3. Satan's schemes

2 Cor 2.10-11: *If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him...in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.*



4. The Sovereignty of God.

Job 38.4: *Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?*

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II. One Response to it

1. Be humble

1 Peter 5.5-7: *All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*



2. Be merciful

Col 3.13: *Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*



3. Be confident

Proverbs 17.3: *The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the LORD tests the heart.*

4. Be trusting

Job 13.15: *Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face.*

