



Apology Accepted

Psalm 8 and Isaiah 45

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Life change: We turn to the One who suffers for us.

“Surely the universe has some plan for this”

People want an answer to suffering.

The no god approach destroys humanity (Psalm 8.3–5)

“The [materialist] view of the universe erodes the foundations on which we balance life and humanness itself. If there is no good or evil, why do we lament? If our sympathy for others is just a by-product of evolutionary kinship, why empathize with the suffering of those outside our tribe?...Removing [God] from the equation of suffering does not solve the riddle. Rather, it unravels our very self.”

– Rebecca McLaughlin, *Confronting Christianity*

The no suffering approach is impossible (Isaiah 59.11)

The biblical solution: God suffers (Luke 22.42)

People want an answer to the presence of evil.

We make mankind the measure of morality (Psalm 2.1–3)

We declare there is no such thing (Proverbs 12.15)

The biblical solution: God is (Isaiah 45.20–24)

God calls out fugitives from reason.

“Real truths are not often sought after in a world filled with sound bites and fake news. But since we are a church whose mission is to do the great commission, maybe we can grow into a church that produces strong reasoners – people who [show from scripture] that God is and He rewards those who seek Him through faith in Jesus.” (Hebrews 11.6)

– Juliette Ulrich

God predicts perfectly.

God alone is Lord.

All will deal with Him in His glory.

God saves all who trust Him.