



“Why do the righteous
suffer”

Bishop Jerry F. Hutchins

Retribution Theology

Retribution theology is basically the idea that you get what you deserve.



God sees to it that the good people get good things in life, and the bad people get bad things.

God punishes people in this world in direct response to their actions.

If your business prospers, it's a sign that God is pleased with you.



Retribution theology is thus an overly simplistic interpretation of life events that makes assumptions about God's intentions.

Proverbs 3:33

King James Version

³³ The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.



Proverbs 18:12

King James Version


¹² Before destruction the
heart of man is haughty, and
before honour is humility.



Proverbs 13:25

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²⁵ The righteous eateth to
the satisfying of his soul: but
the belly of the wicked shall
want.




Deuteronomy 30:16-18

King James Version

¹⁶ In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.





“The Limits of Human
Understanding”

Job 38:1-8

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38 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

² Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

³ Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

⁴ Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

⁵ Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

⁶ Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

⁷ When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸ Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?





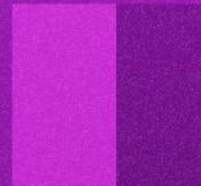
What is God Doing when He
allows the righteous to suffer



Is he testing my faith?

James 1:3

³ Knowing this, that the trying
of your faith worketh patience.





Is He Making Me More Like Him?

James 1:4

⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.




Is He Getting Glory From This?

John 9

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9 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?



³ Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

