

Overcoming Some Of Life's Problems

(Part 2)

"Why me Lord?"

Job 14:1

*"Man, that is born of a woman, is
of few days, and full of trouble."*

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"Why Me Lord?"

ME – The One Who Suffers

All men suffer

- ▶ 1 Peter 4:15-16 – evil doers and Christians.
- ▶ Romans 8:22 – whole creation groans.

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"Why Me Lord?"

ME – The One Who Suffers

Righteous suffer too. Job –

- ▶ Blameless and upright (Job. 1:8)
 - Loss of property. (Job 1:14, 16, 17)
 - Loss of servants. (Job 1:15, 18)
 - Loss of children. (Job 1:18)
 - Loss of health (Job 2:1-10)
 - Wife is no help. (Job 2:9)
 - Friends turn on him. (Job 3-42:6)

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"Why Me Lord?"

ME – The One Who Suffers

Righteous suffer too. David – Psalms 55:1-7

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"Why Me Lord?"

ME – The One Who Suffers

Righteous suffer too. Lord Himself

- ▶ Rejected (John 1:11).
- ▶ Beaten (Matthew 26:67).
- ▶ Ridiculed (Matthew 26:68; 27:31).
- ▶ Betrayed (Luke 22:47-53).
- ▶ Crucified (Luke 23:26-49).

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"Why Me Lord?"

ME – The One Who Suffers

Righteous suffer too. Paul

- ▶ Persecuted. (2 Corinthians 11:22-33;
Galatians 1:6-9; 2:5; 4:19-20)
- ▶ Thorn in the flesh. (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)
- ▶ Loneliness. (2 Timothy 4:16)

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“Why Me Lord?”

ME – The One Who Suffers

Righteous suffer too. All Christians

- ▶ Hebrews 12:6–12 – Scourges every son.
- ▶ 2 Timothy 3:12 – All who live godly will suffer.
- ▶ Romans 8:16–18 – Those who are children of God suffer with him.

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“Why Me Lord?”

LORD – Blaming God

God doesn't want bad for man.

Ezekiel 18:23 “Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked? saith the Lord Jehovah; and not rather that he should return from his way, and live?”

- ▶ He wants all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9–10).
- ▶ Gave his only Son for us (John 3:16).

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“Why Me Lord?”

LORD – Blaming God

Why do people blame God?

- ▶ **Equate problems with punishment for sin.**
 - John 9:1 – Disciples thought man was blind due to his sin or his parents.
 - Acts 28:4 – Native of the island thought that Paul must be a murderer since the snake bit him.
 - Job 3:1ff – Job's friends thought he must have done wrong.

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“Why Me Lord?”

LORD – Blaming God

Why do people blame God?

- ▶ **Equate problems with punishment for sin.**
- ▶ Suffering is not always due to one's own sin.
 - Luke 13:1–5
 - Job
 - Hebrews 4:15
 - 1 Peter 2:19ff – suffer wrongfully

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“Why Me Lord?”

LORD – Blaming God

Why do people blame God?

- ▶ **Too high an opinion of own righteousness.**
 - Seen in questions, “What did I do to deserve this ... ?”
 - The “Why me?” questions – suggest that we think we have lived in such a way that we do deserve better.

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“Why Me Lord?”

LORD – Blaming God

Why do people blame God?

- ▶ **Selfish**
 - Focus only on self.
 - If others suffer – that's fine, but not me!

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“Why Me Lord?”

LORD – *Blaming God*

Why do people blame God?

▶ **Removes Guilt**

- As in dealing with others – if we can point a finger of blame, we feel less guilty ourselves.
- So, if I can blame God, I remove any of the guilt that I have had.
 - **Argument as old as Adam and Eve. Genesis 3**

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“Why Me Lord?”

Conclusion:

- ▶ All men do suffer – even righteous people.
- ▶ Causes are varied.
- ▶ But certainly, God cannot be blamed.

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