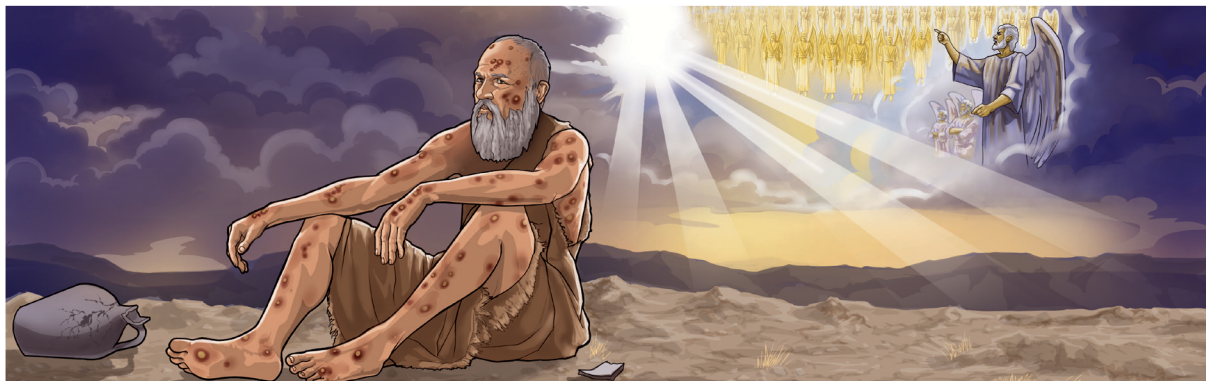


# Why Does God Allow Suffering? (Part 2)

Based on chapter 11 of the book *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* available on [jw.org](http://jw.org).

**OBJECTIVE:** Explore what you believe and why, examine what the Bible teaches, and see how you can explain your beliefs to others.



## WHY HAS GOD PERMITTED SUFFERING?

### 1 EXPLORE YOUR BELIEFS

What might other people say?

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What do you believe?

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Why do you believe that?

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# 2

## EXAMINE WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

### Jehovah has allowed Satan time to prove his challenge. (See chapter 11 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 10-14.)

#### Read Genesis 3:1-5.

How did Satan insinuate that God is a bad ruler?

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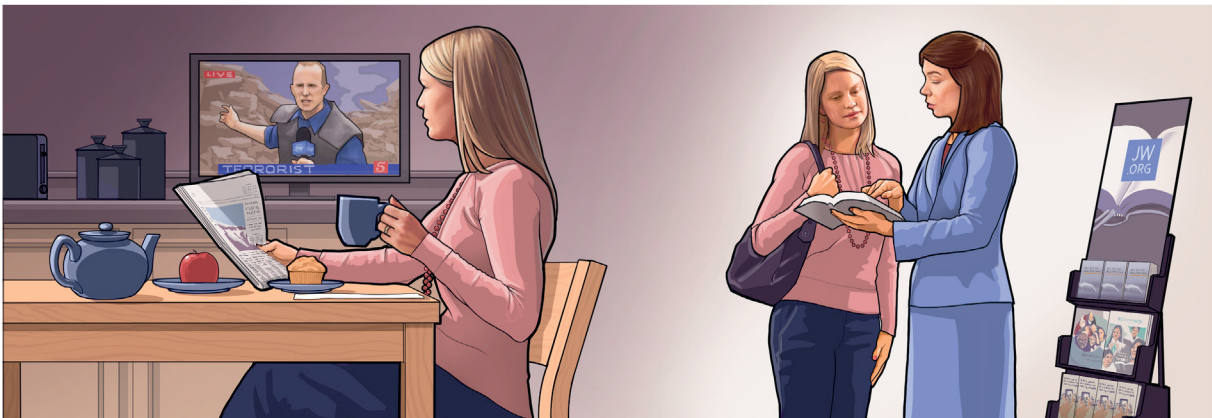
#### Read Job 38:7; Daniel 7:10.

Who were observing as Satan challenged Jehovah, and what does this indicate about the magnitude of the challenge that Satan raised?

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**God's toleration of suffering has given all of us an opportunity for salvation**

## In the long run, we benefit from Jehovah's toleration of suffering.

(See chapter 11 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 15-21.)

### Read 2 Peter 3:9, 10.

How does God's patience contribute to our salvation?

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### Read Proverbs 27:11.

How has Jehovah's patience given us an opportunity to show our love for him?

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What do you especially appreciate about the way that Jehovah has handled Satan's challenge?

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# 3

## EXPLAIN YOUR BELIEFS

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

**Since God has not yet ended human suffering, he must not care about it.**

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

**Many people feel that way. But I believe differently because...**

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What scripture could you share with the person?

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Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

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IF SOMEONE SAYS...

**There is no point in God's allowing us to suffer for so long.**

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

**That is a common reaction when we suffer adversity. But I believe that he *does* have a reason for allowing it because...**

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What scripture could you share with the person?

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Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

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