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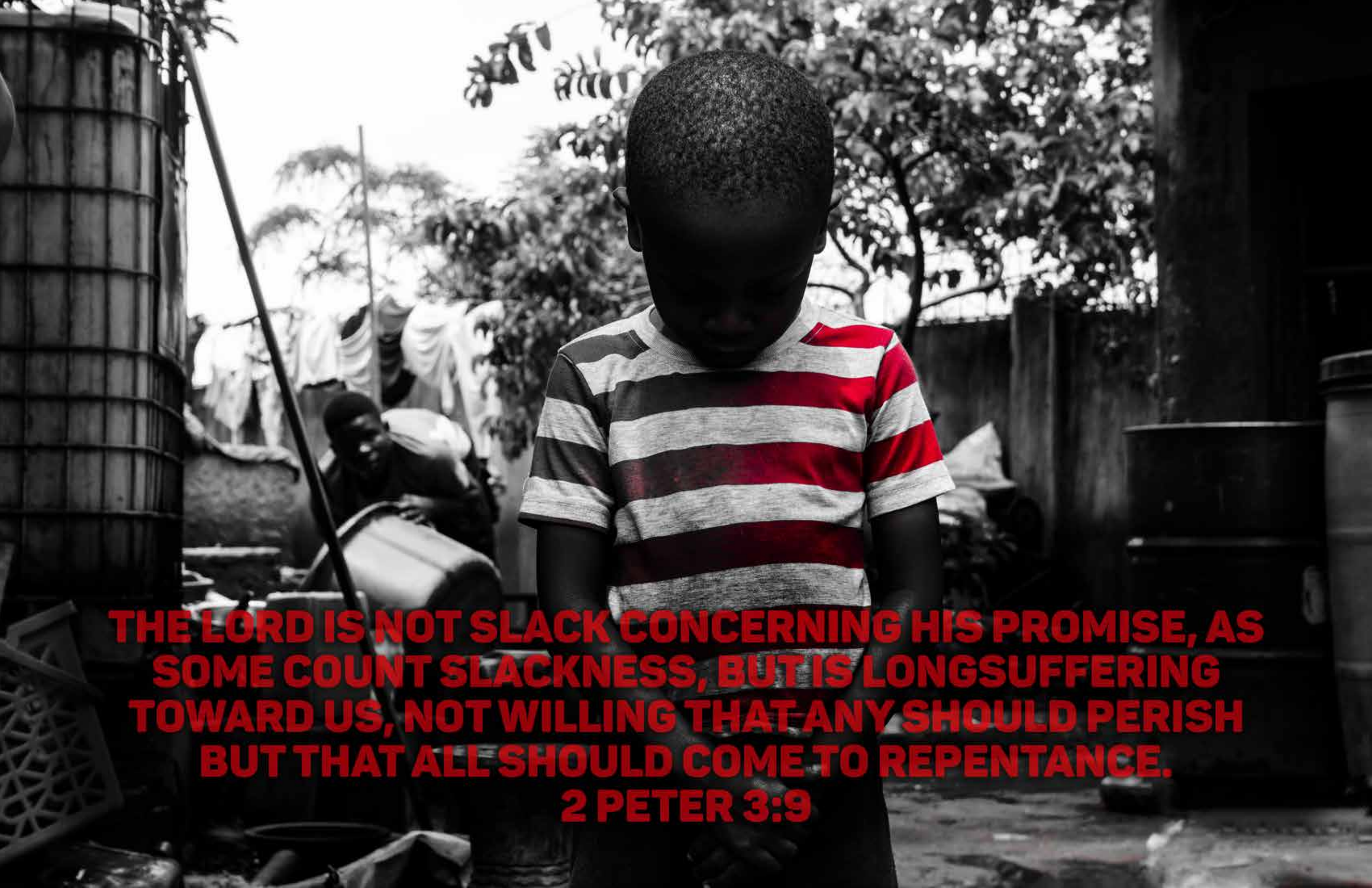
**WHY DOES GOD
ALLOW SUFFERING?**



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A black and white photograph of a young boy in a red and white striped shirt, looking down with a somber expression. He is standing in a slum-like environment with a large metal water tank on the left, laundry hanging in the background, and another person visible in the distance. The scene is dimly lit, emphasizing the hardship of the setting.

**THE LORD IS NOT SLACK CONCERNING HIS PROMISE, AS
SOME COUNT SLACKNESS, BUT IS LONGSUFFERING
TOWARD US, NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH
BUT THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE.
2 PETER 3:9**

God created an angel named Lucifer (meaning lightbearer), who was a covering cherub at the throne of God. He was perfect, full of wisdom and beauty (see Ezekiel 28:12-17). He was flawless and blameless and had the ability to choose between right and wrong. Unfortunately he chose wrong. Sin sprang up in him and he became evil. God cast Lucifer, and one third of the angels who were deceived by him, out of heaven. His name was changed to Satan, which means 'the enemy' or 'the adversary'. On earth where Lucifer, the devil, was cast, he also deceived man. Because God's Son came to earth and was not deceived by the devil, but died for our sins, the devil lost possession of the earth. Jesus came to earth to teach us and give us the ability to live a life free from sin. Soon

Jesus will come back to the earth to take home those of us who have followed Him in righteousness. Everyone has the ability to choose to do what is right through Jesus, or wrong living through Satan. In the end, Satan and his evil angels will be cast into the lake of fire which will turn him into ashes and end his existence for eternity.



WHY OR?

Why Does God Allow Suffering?

IN A NUTSHELL

1

**GOD GAVE ALL
HUMANS FREE
WILL.
SLAVERY IS
NOT LOVE.**

2

**SATAN WAS
THE FIRST ONE
TO MISUSE
THIS FREE
WILL. ADAM
AND EVE SOON
FOLLOWED.**

3

**BLESSINGS
COME THROUGH
RAINDROPS.
GOD GIVES US
STRENGTH TO
GO THROUGH
TRIALS, AND
TRIALS MAKE
US STRONGER.
IT SHAPES OUR
CHARACTER.**



ONE DAY THERE WILL BE NO
MORE SIN, AND NO MORE PAIN

**TRUE OR FALSE
(CIRCLE ONE)**

1. God created the devil.
Read: Ezekiel 28:12, 13;
Isaiah 14:12-14.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

2. Lucifer was a beautiful, anointed cherub when he was in heaven but became proud, which is sin.
Read: Ezekiel 28:14-17;
Proverbs 8:13; 29:23;
6:16, 17.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

3. A war was started in heaven when Lucifer rebelled against God.
Read: Revelation 12:7, 8.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

**CHECK THE CORRECT
ANSWER:**

4. The devil was cast out of heaven with?
Read: Revelation 12:4, 9;
1:20

No one

Half of the angels

One angel

One third of the angels

5. Where was the devil cast out to?

Read: Job 2:2; 1 Peter 5:8;
Revelation 12:9, 12.

A different heaven

Mars

Underground furnace

Earth

**CHECK THE 10 CORRECT
ANSWERS:**

6. What do we have to protect us from the devil and his evil angels?

Read: 1 John 3:8;
Hebrews 2:14;
Ephesians 6:10-18; Psalm
34:7; Matthew 4:1-11.

The Son of God
Angels

Truth

Bullet proof vest

Breastplate of
righteousness

Gospel of peace

Shield of faith

Helmet of salvation

The Word of God



Prayer



Holy Spirit



A Magnum 45



CHECK THE 2 CORRECT ANSWERS

7. How will the devil and his angels be destroyed?

Read: Matthew 25:41;
Revelation 20:9, 10;
Jude 6.

Brimstone



With a sword



An atomic bomb



Lake of fire



FILL IN THE BLANKS

8. What does the Bible say to us concerning the devil?

Read: James 4:7.

“_____your-
selves therefore to
God, _____
the devil, and he will
_____from you”
(KJV).

**Is it your desire to resist
the devil and surrender
only to Jesus?**

☐ YES ☐ NO

KEY TAKE AWAY



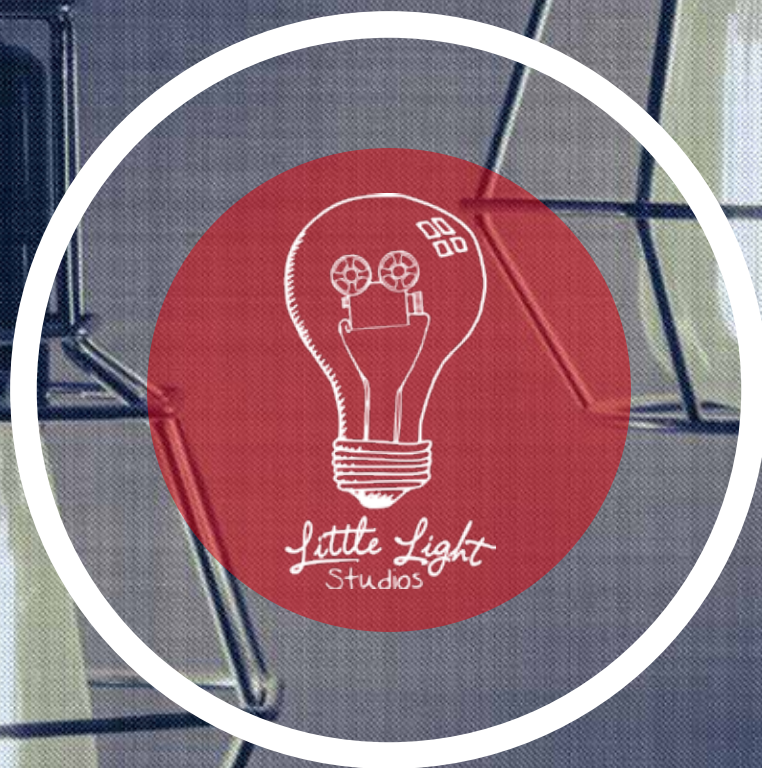
God allows suffering, because He has given us a free will. Even Satan was given the power to choose.



The blessing of suffering is that it strengthens us, and, when we allow God to lead us through, changes our character for the good.



There will be an end to evil. Sin will be destroyed, and there will be no more fear, pain, or tears.



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