

Why Does God Allow Evil?

Satan

Matthew 4.1-11

When it comes to evil in my life, how much blame does Satan get?

The Devil Made Me Do It

God doesn't hold Satan accountable for your sins.

Satan is not all powerful, all present, all knowing. He is all evil.

4.1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.

3 And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil *took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and *said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You'; and 'On *their* hands they will bear You up, So that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.'"

7 Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

8 Again, the devil *took Him to a very high mountain and *showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; 9 and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus *said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.’”

11 Then the devil *left Him; and behold, angels came and *began* to minister to Him.

The Devil And Me... And You

In the New Testament Satan is described as an adversary to resist and overcome.

Satan is the leader of rebellion against God.

Satan is cunning and deceitful.

In Christ, Satan is defeated and judged.

If you follow Jesus, you don't need to worry about Satan. He is not the reason for the problems you face.