

*Why does God allow some people to be born into better situations than others?*

Jesus said, "You will always have the poor among you (Mt 26:11)."

Some believe that utopia can be achieved on earth. The bible makes it clear that that is not so. The world will get worse (e.g. The Second Law of Thermodynamics) before it gets better (e.g. Christ's Millennial Kingdom [Re 20:1–10]). Man has proven that he cannot rule and reign (Judg 2:16–18; 18:1–31). Be it: capitalism, socialism or communism—no system of government works well while men are in their sin (Jn 8:34).

God makes men rich or poor (1 Sam 2:7). Some honor him with their wealth and others do not (Lev 27:30–33, Mal 3:8). Wrong treatment of the poor reproaches God (Pr 14:31). He will judge those who mistreat the poor (Is 3:13–15).

The apostle Paul explained that God puts men in different times and places so that they might seek him:

He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us (Ac 17:26–27).

One's responsibility toward God is increased by privilege (Jn 15:22, 24) and opportunity (Mt 11:20–24).

Riches and a seemingly secure position in life is not necessarily a blessing for an individual. Jesus said, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." Lk 6:20, ESV. Until one sees his true spiritual condition, he cannot be saved. Jesus said: "You say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked." Re 3:15–18

It is a spiritual test for God's people to witness the prosperity of the wicked (Ps 73:1–28). It is hard at times for Christ-followers to understand why God lets evil men prosper. Adrian Rogers said: "We live by promises not by explanations."

God is not as concerned with men's socio economic status as he is with their freedom from sin (Eccl 10:10, Jn 8:36, 10:10). Being content in one's circumstances shows trust (Hab 3:17–19) in his care (Ps 145:7–21). God helps the believer endure (Ps 89:33).

God is no respecter of persons (e.g. nationality or appearance [Ac 10:34], etc.). He is concerned with believers becoming holy: You shall be holy; for I am holy (Le 11:44).

In the beginning everything was very good (Ge 1:31). After the fall everything became very bad (Ge 3:1–5). One's stewardship of his resources is merely a test. No one really owns anything. All things belong to God (Ps 24:1, 2; Ro 14:8) and each is accountable for his stewardship of what God has given him (Lk 16:1–3).

It takes courage to remain by God's side against great odds (1 Sam 17:32, 50) and against great foes (Judg 7:7–23). "He tests us in order that we may be found approved by him." ~ Charles Stanley Lk 22:32