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1. If God were all-powerful, he would be able to prevent evil.
 2. If God were all-good, he would want to prevent evil.
 3. So, if God were all-powerful & all-good, there would be no evil
- There is evil.
 - Therefore, an all-powerful, all-good God does not exist.

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- Theological Problem
- Emotional Problem

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Is God Sovereign (in total control) ?

- Ps. 115:3
- Ps. 135:6
- Eph. 1:11
- Deut. 32:39
- Dan. 4:35
- Is. 46:10
- Prov. 16:9
- Prov. 16:33

I Peter 3:17

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.”

Is Man Responsible?

- Acts 2:23
- Acts 4:27-28
- 1 Peter 2:8
- Luke 22:22

Acts 2:23

“...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.”

Acts 4:27-28

“...for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.”

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We know from Scripture:

- Man is responsible for his actions.
- God is sovereign over evil.
- God does not sin or tempt men to sin.

Two good things we can say about evil:

1. Evil brings about greater good.
2. God is glorified even in the punishment of evil.

Romans 5:8

“...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”

Romans 3:21-26

“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it – the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith...

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...This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."