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## **Living with a Good God in an Evil World**

### **Three Statements that Appear Contradictory:**

- A. God is all good.
- B. God is all powerful.
- C. Evil exists.

#### **A. Is God all good?**

(James 1:17; 1 John 1:5 ; Psalm 34:8)

#### **B. Is God all powerful?**

(Isaiah 40:25–31)

If God is all-good, it seems logical to believe that He would want to destroy evil.  
If God is all-powerful, it seems logical to believe that He would be able to destroy all evil.

#### **C. So why does Evil exist?**

1. God did not create evil, but He created the potential for evil.
2. Evil is a corruption of what is good.
3. God could eliminate some evil, but the problem would still remain.
4. God could destroy all evil, but that would include you and me.  
(Matt 5:21–22; Matt 5:27–28; Rom 3:23; Isa 64:6)
5. God has provided a future without evil for those who choose Him now.  
(2 Tim 4:18)
6. God has provided peace and hope in the face of evil.  
(Matt 10:28; Phil 4:6–7; Jn 14:27)