

"WHY DOES GOD ALLOW TROUBLE?"

(Psalm 50:15)

Question: How can we harmonize God's {omnipotence} and God's {love} with all the trouble in the world?
Especially, when many of those experiencing trouble are His {children}?

I. SOME {FACTS} ABOUT TROUBLE

*John 16:33 *Job 14:1 *Psalm 34:17-19 *Acts 14:22
*James 5:13-14 *II Corinthians 4:7-8 *Revelation 21:4-5

Note: There are different {types} of trouble.

II. SOME {FICTIONS} ABOUT TROUBLE

*Psalm 50:15 *James 1:2-6 *Psalm 91:15-16 *Philippians 1:28-29
*Romans 8:35-39 *I Peter 3:18 *Hebrews 4:15-16

Note: It is critical to identify the {source} of our trouble!

III. SOME {FUNCTIONS} OF TROUBLE

*Psalm 34:6 *Ecclesiastes 7:14 *Isaiah 30:20-21
*Hebrews 12:5-8 *Psalm 77:2 *Psalm 119:67 & 71
*Proverbs 24:10 *Proverbs 17:17 *II Corinthians 1:3-4

1. It can be {correction}.
2. It can {draw} us closer to God.
3. It can {reveal} our true friends.
4. It can prepare us to {minister} to others.