

EVERLASTING LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH

RECOMMENDED BOOKS ON THE SUBJECT OF SUFFERING

The subject of evil and suffering has challenged Christians for two millennia. The challenge is especially acute because of the reality that the created order exists due to an all-powerful, all-wise, loving God who also presides over His creation. These truths about the Creator's perfections seem incompatible with the world as it is. Many think it is not compatible with the Christian God as the Bible infallibly and inerrantly presents Him. Actually, it is compatible if one has a sound understanding of the nature of God. The primary source for such an understanding of God and the difficulties associated with His existence, evil, and suffering is the Bible, of course. A second help is sound Christian literature authored by doctrinally sound men who have applied their theological and biblical understanding gifts of writing to aid Christians in their comprehension and offer comfort—especially if one is suffering and is experiencing evil. A list of such writings on the subject matter of evil and suffering is recommended below:

How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering and Evil by D.A. Carson

God's Greater Glory: The Exalted God of Scripture and The Christian Faith by Bruce A. Ware

Why Does God Allow So Much Suffering by John MacArthur

The Crook in the Lot: Living with That Thorn in Your Side by Thomas Boston

When God Weeps: Why Our Sufferings Matter to the Almighty by Joni Eareckson Tada and Steven Estes