



People often blame God
for all that is wrong in the world
but it's not God who sends the bad stuff.

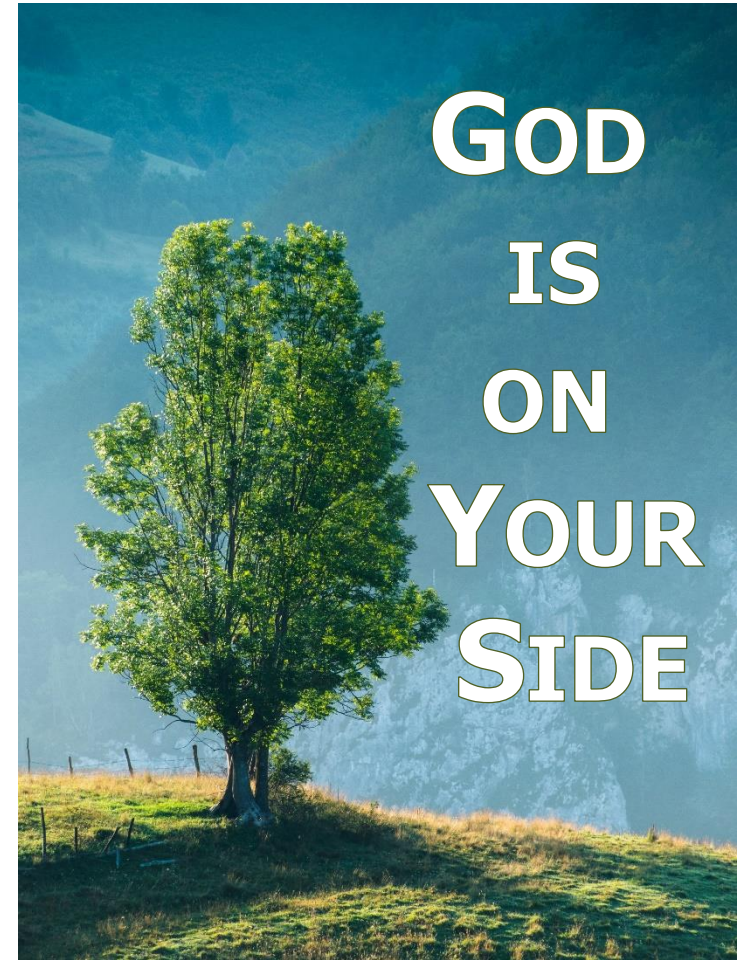
He looks upon this world He has made
with love and compassion.
And He wants you to know and believe that
He is always on your side
no matter what.



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Being Born-Again

When you acknowledge Jesus as God and decide to follow Him, you make Him your Lord. When you accept His sacrifice on the Cross for yourself personally, you make Him your Saviour. You are then born-again and have a new perfect spirit. God becomes your Father and you His child, and you can start to enjoy your personal love relationship with Him.

Romans 10:9 says – *‘If you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.’* Tell God you are sorry for the wrong things you do, say and think. Choose to believe that Jesus is Lord, that He died for you and is now alive. Accept Him as your Lord and Saviour. Say it with your voice and believe it in your heart.

If you’ve done that sincerely, you are now born-again and Jesus has come to live in you. Everything you’ve ever done wrong or ever will do wrong is forgiven, and after this life is over, you’ll live in peace and joy with your loving Father God for ever.

As a child of God, you now have a whole new family of brothers and sisters. Tell a trusted Christian that you are now born-again so they can help you in your new life in Jesus. And you have the Bible to help you understand and experience more of God’s love for you and all Jesus has done and won for you. It will help you to live your life in the best possible way – His way.

GOD IS ON YOUR SIDE

Psalm 118:6 says – *‘The LORD is on my side.’* But do you really believe it? Do you believe that in every area of your life God is not against you, but is actively for you?

God Loves You

God is love. It is the very essence of His being, so it motivates everything He thinks, does and says. And that love is directed towards you. He said in Jeremiah 31:3 – *“... I have loved you with an everlasting love. Therefore I have drawn you with loving kindness.”* Love is at the heart of everything God thinks about you. And it doesn’t stop at loving thoughts. God demonstrated just how much He loves each and every individual person when He sacrificed His own Son. John 3:16 says – *‘For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.’*

God has given you free will. You are not a pre-programmed robot or a puppet on strings. This means that you can have a real relationship with God. If you were able to force someone you loved to love you back, it would not be a satisfying relationship. It could even be called abuse. God leaves you free to love Him or reject Him. That way, when you do love Him back, it is a real love relationship which will not only bring joy to you, but also to God.

God’s love for you does not depend on how you perform or measure up – it is total and unconditional. 2 Corinthians 5:19 says – *‘God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses.’* Reckoning to you means

having something recorded against your name. God is not keeping a record of everything you do, say and think which is wrong – those are your trespasses or sins. Instead He has reckoned them to Jesus and Jesus has accepted and suffered the punishment on your behalf. Not only were your sins reckoned to Jesus on the Cross, but as a result, His righteousness is reckoned to you when you are born-again, that is when you accept Him as your Lord and Saviour. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says – ‘*For him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*’ Jesus became what you were so you could become what He is. What amazing love. (To read about being born-again, go to the end of this booklet.)

Nothing you can do can make God love you more. Take a moment and think about that. However good the things you do, they cannot make God love you more, because His love for you is already total. And nothing you can do can make God love you less. Think about that – even the most appalling sins cannot make God love you less. His love for you is totally unconditional.

God Does Good, the Devil Does Bad

Jesus said in John 10:10 – “*The thief (the devil) only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.*” Jesus made this black and white statement so you can know for sure that God is on your side. God is good, He does good things, good things come from God. The devil, is bad, he does bad things, bad things come from the devil.

It is a lie of the devil that God sends bad things for a good purpose. Believing this can leave you feeling helpless, because you aren’t able to work out what is from God so you can take it on board, and what is from the devil so you can resist it.

believe it is true for everyone else but not necessarily for you; or you can choose to believe it and start to base your thinking, your words and your actions on it.

God isn’t going to make you believe – He has given you free will. But He is drawing you with His love. If you have had doubts about God and what He is really like, give in today and let Him show you that He is on your side.

Declare and Believe the Truth of God

Read these verses out loud and hear God to speaking to you. Let the truth of His Word settle in your heart and mind where it can work in you for your good, and show you that He is and always will be on your side.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.’ (John 3:16)

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

“Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20b)

If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31a)

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from God’s love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.’ (Romans 8:38-39)

The LORD is on my side. (Psalm 118:6)

also influence their life span by how they live. But God wants everyone to live a long and satisfied life. He says in Psalm 91:16 to the person who loves and follows Him – *“I will satisfy him with long life.”*

But not everybody, or even every Christian, dies in God’s time. It is not God who kills a baby or cuts a young person’s life short in some tragic way. He does not send cancer to strike someone down. God’s desire is that everyone dies simply because they are satisfied at the end of a long life. This means dying in old age peacefully, not in pain or suffering.

So when someone dies before their time, it is not God’s fault, but the devil’s. Of course, for the Christian, his victory over the person only lasts a moment as they go straight to Jesus. However, the grief and pain of the person’s loved ones who are left is the devil’s handiwork, not God’s. God said in Jeremiah 29:11 – *“For I know the thoughts that I think towards you,” says the LORD, “thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope and a future.”*

God’s Reassurance

Romans 8:31b says – *‘If God is for us, who can be against us?’* If God Almighty is on your side, how can anyone or anything successfully come against you? It only can, if you let it. When things are difficult determine to remember that God is on your side and that you are safe in that knowledge and belief.

Choose to Believe

You have read the wonderful truth that God is on your side. Now you have a choice – you can choose to dismiss it; you can choose to think how amazing it is, but doubt it; you can choose to

Another deception is that God allows bad things to happen, therefore they must be His will. God does not make an individual decision about everything that could happen, whether to allow it or not. He made a single decision after the fall, not to step in and put everything right, but to allow the world to run on its messed-up course, because He will never deny people the free will He created them with. People have freedom of word and action and there are consequences to that. So troubles of all sorts arise, not as the active or passive will of God, but because He is faithful to Himself and the way He made people.

God is a good God. He loves you unconditionally. When bad things happen it is never God’s fault – it is the devil’s.

God’s Not Angry with You

1 Thessalonians 5:9 says – *‘For God didn’t appoint us to wrath, but to the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.’* God dealt with all sin once and for all through the Cross, as Jesus took all the punishment for sin, and God poured out all His anger against sin onto Him. And not just for those who would believe, but for everybody. 1 John 2:2 says – *‘And he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.’*

Your sins have been punished and forgiven through Jesus and God no longer remembers them. God said in Jeremiah 31:34 in the Old Testament – *“... for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”* When you go to God and say, “Oh God, I’ve done it again,” He answers, “What do you mean – again?” God is not holding anything against you. Justice has been done – your sins have been punished. But it isn’t you that suffers the punishment – it was Jesus 2000 years ago.

God did not change His mind about sin at the Cross. He still hates sin, but now the need for people to be punished and suffer His anger has been satisfied by Jesus's death on the Cross. Romans 5:9 says – *'Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's wrath through him.'* The Cross was enough: there is nothing you can do to add to it. It is all about what Jesus did, not what you do. It is all about love and grace. Romans 8:1 says – *'There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.'*

God Wants You Well

Do not decide what you think about healing by what you see or how you feel or the experience of others. Believe what God says. If you do that and refuse to be swayed by what you can see or how you feel, your faith in healing will grow and you will be much more likely to experience it.

God wants you well physically, emotionally and mentally. He does not want you to suffer any kind of sickness or disability. On the contrary, He wants you free to live a fruitful, abundant life, unhampered by illness. Jesus defeated the devil and all his works including sickness and disability on the Cross – He carried all your illness so that you should not have to carry it yourself. Matthew 8:16-17 tells us that Jesus – *'... healed all who were sick; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, "He took our infirmities, and bore our diseases."'*

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus said to pray that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. There is no sickness in heaven, so it cannot be His will that there be sickness on earth or Jesus would never have included this in His prayer.

The devil does not want people to be well. He wants them limited in what they can do and focused on themselves. Ill health can be a direct attack from the devil. It can be the result of living in this messed-up world, picking up viruses and germs. Or it can be a failure to look after yourself. It can be the result of your sin or the sin of past members of your family. It can be inherited. But ultimately all causes go back to the devil. And because the devil has been defeated on the Cross, sickness is defeated too. God can work for your good during illness. But this does not mean God makes you sick or wants you sick.

You can have complete confidence that no sickness or medical condition is sent from God and that His will is that you are well and fully functioning. Do not be swayed by what you see or hear or by the experiences of other people with a similar sickness or condition. Be assured by God's truth and refuse to think anything different. That's when things will start to change.

God Wants You to Live a Long Life

When God first created Adam and Eve, He made them to live forever in the perfect garden He had created for them. But when they sinned everything was spoiled, so He banished them from the garden in case they ate the fruit of the tree of life, and lived forever in a world which was now messed-up by sin. This meant that they would eventually die. Banishing them was not a punishment, but an act of love. He wanted to make it possible for them to escape this world through death and so find another perfect place to live for ever with Him – heaven. And it is only through Jesus that you can find the way there.

Various factors influence how long people may be expected to live – where they live, their situation, and individual people can