

GOODNESS OF GOD



Why

does he allow
all of the terrible
things to happen
in the world?

Why

doesn't he do
something to
intervene?

Why

does he allow
bad things to
happen to his
own people?

And we know that God causes
all things to work together for good
to those who love God,
to those who are called
according to *His* purpose.

Romans 8:28 NASB

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all things to work together for good....

'good'
things

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gives
good things.

hard
things

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hardships
that we bring
on ourselves
through poor
choices or sin

struggles that
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of generational
and/or personal
strongholds

persecution
because of the
kingdom of God
and pursuit of
a godly life

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troubles that
are common
to life in
this present
evil age

challenges,
common and
uncommon,
experienced in
relationships

In fact, all
who want to live
a godly life in
Christ Jesus will
be persecuted.

2 Timothy 3:12 CSB

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spiritual warfare
(aka, "the evil
day")

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through
sin or poor
choices

through
our words

because we
do not know
the ways of
the kingdom

because we
do not know,
or move in,
our authority

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We are asking
that you may be filled
with the knowledge
of his will in all wisdom and
spiritual understanding,
¹⁰ so that you may walk
worthy of the Lord, fully
pleasing to him....

Colossians 1:9b-10a

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His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ By these he has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature....

2 Peter 1:3-4 CSB

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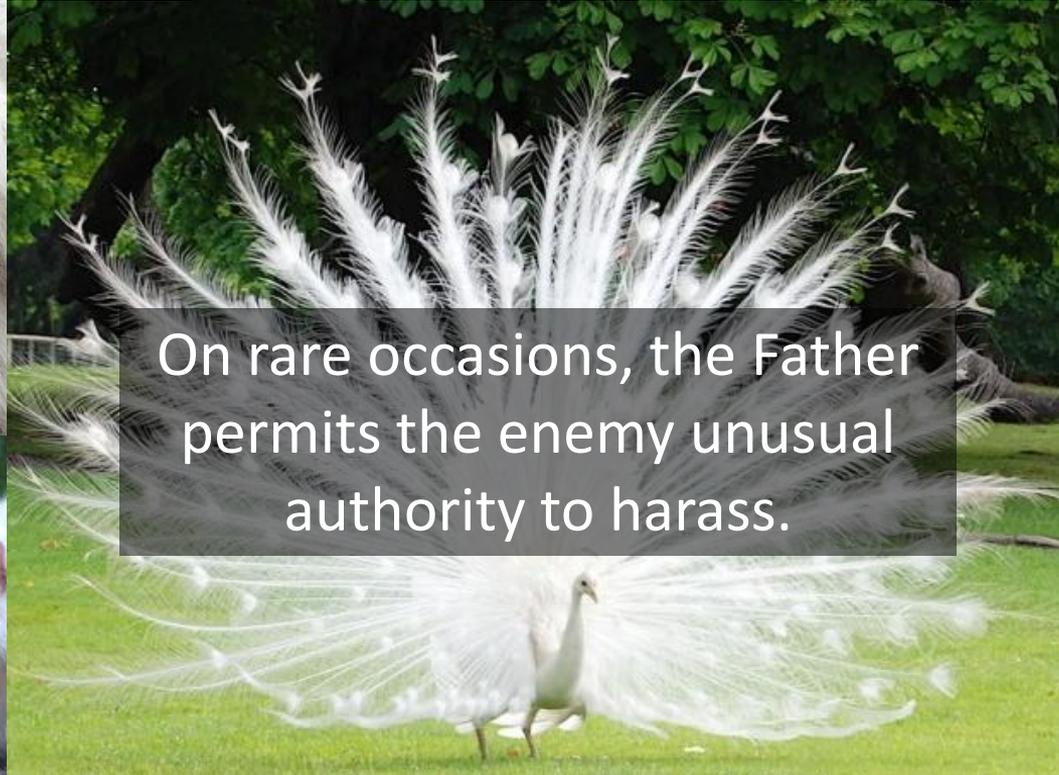
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always
limited
and only for
our ultimate
good



On rare occasions, the Father permits the enemy unusual authority to harass.



“Simon, Simon,
look out. Satan has
asked to sift you like
wheat. ³² But I have
prayed for you that your
faith may not fail. And you,
when you have turned
back, strengthen
your brothers.”

Luke 22:31-32

...a thorn was
given me in the
flesh, a messenger
of Satan to harass
me, to keep me
from becoming
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2 Corinthians 12:7b ESV

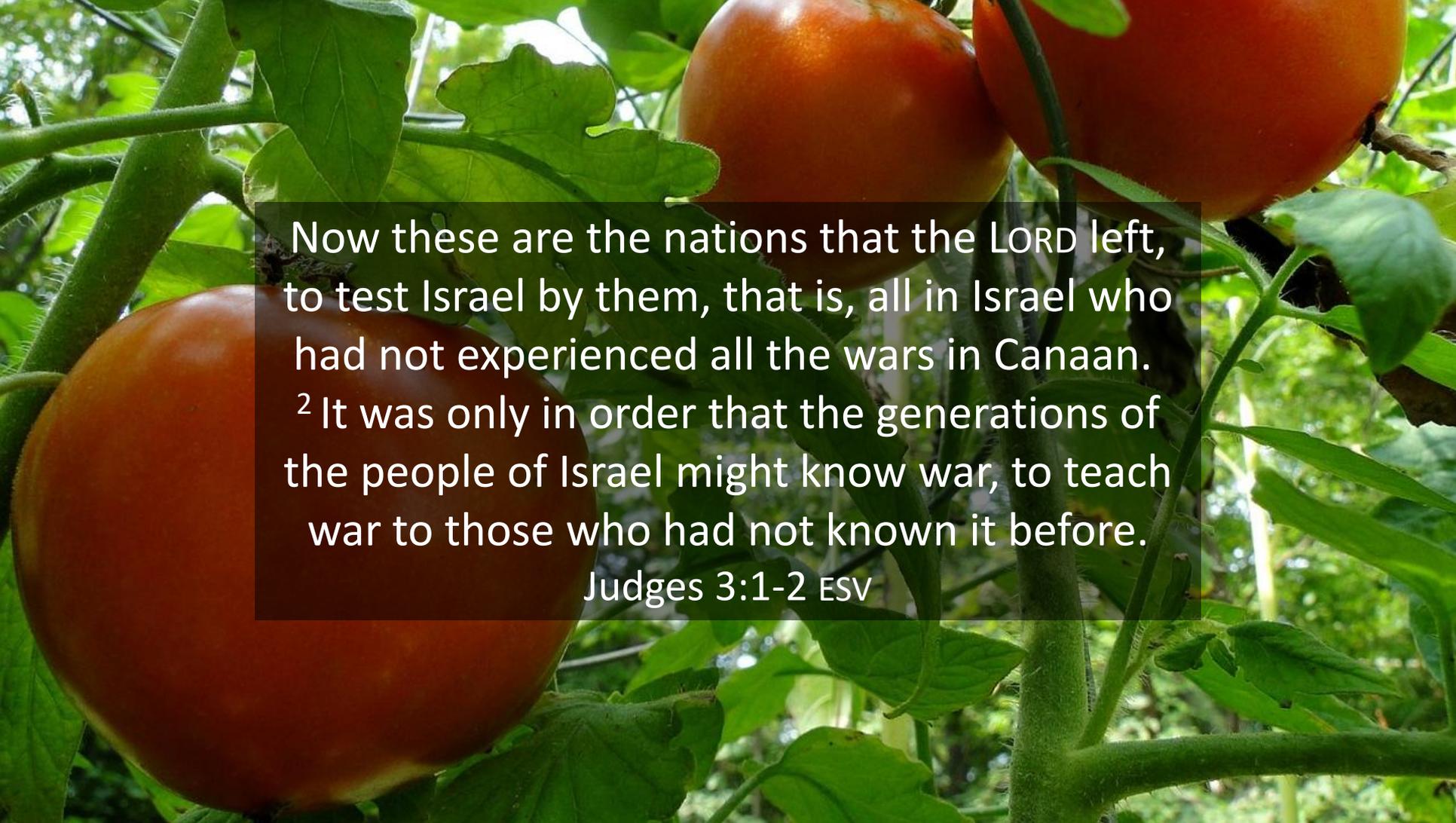
So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ESV



“Dr. Lloyd-Jones came to look back on 1949 as a year when he had been guided by God with unusual clarity. He had been humbled and strengthened for the long years ahead. He had learned more of what it means to enjoy the love of God. He would help others to know that such dealings of God are not uncommon with those called to serve him.”

Ian H. Murray,
The Life of Martyn Lloyd-Jones



Now these are the nations that the LORD left,
to test Israel by them, that is, all in Israel who
had not experienced all the wars in Canaan.
² It was only in order that the generations of
the people of Israel might know war, to teach
war to those who had not known it before.

Judges 3:1-2 ESV

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

1 Peter 5:8-10 ESV

Finally, my brothers, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:10-13 MEV

God—he clothes me with strength
and makes my way perfect.

³³ He makes my feet like the feet of a deer
and sets me securely on the heights.

³⁴ **He trains my hands for war;**
my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

³⁵ You have given me the shield of your salvation;
your right hand upholds me,
and your humility exalts me.

Psalm 18:32-35 CSB

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to work together

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Romans 8:28 PARAPHRASE

God is good!

He is masterfully and faithfully working in every circumstance, every situation, every experience – *good and bad* – that we might be continually transformed to become more and more like Christ, which is for our best and ultimate good, both in this life and the one to come.