



“When the ‘Bad’ Happens”

John 9:1-12 • part 43

INTRODUCTION

- the terrible, horrible, no-good, and very bad that invades

EXCURSUS

- why does suffering and affliction come to us?

Is it _____?

+ because people can be _____.

2 Tim. 4:14, 16; 1 Pet. 2:21-23

+ because God is _____.

2 Cor. 12:7; Heb. 12:6-8; Amos 4:6-11

Is it _____?

+ because of _____.

Num. 12:1-10; Acts 5:1-10; 1 Cor. 11:27-30; Rom. 14:10-12

+ because of _____.

Ex. 20:5; Ezk. 18:20; 2 Cor. 5:21

1. The crisis (9:1-3)

- the logical trap
- the theological trap

2. The calling (9:4-5)

- well-lit Jerusalem dark after the Feast

- the urgency of God's work

1 Pet. 2:9

3. The command (9:6-7)

- no healing formula
- why the saliva, the mud, the pool?

4. The confusion (9:8-12)

- a doppelgänger?
- giving sight to the blind a Messianic work

Ex. 4:11; Ps. 146:8; Is. 29:18; 35:5; 42:7

CONCLUSION

WHAT

WHY

I experience "bad"

undeserved?

bad people

good God

...who do bad things

- > Paul
- > prophets
- > Jesus

2 Tim. 4:14, 16

1 Pet. 2:21-23

...who seeks our best

- > Paul
 - > discipline
- ...who seeks His glory
- > Job
 - > blind beggar

2 Cor. 12:7

Heb. 12:6-8

Amos 4:6-11

deserved?

my sin

others' sin

...1-2-1 correlation

- > Miriam
- > Ananias & Sapphira

...not always immediate

...judgment will come

Num. 12:1-10

Acts 5:1-10

1 Cor. 11:27-30

Rom. 14:10-12

...visiting iniquity to
3rd & 4th generation

...soul that sins judged

...the one exception

Ex. 20:5

Ezk. 18:20

2 Cor. 5:21

— *“Retribution Dogma”* —

CRISIS

CAUSE