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"If there is calamity in a city, will not the LORD have done it?" Amos 3:6

Such passages often confuse us, don't they? "How can a good God, do evil things?" Theology has argued and will argue over such passages of Scripture until the Lord returns and sets us all straight.

However, we can gain crucial insight into such controversies if we will measure all Scripture by Scripture and hold at the front of our thinking that we don't know all the facts. We also must be convinced of these immutable things – God is good and God is love!

Not always, but often, such phrases may be better rendered as "the Lord permitted..." There is a vast difference in the Lord's allowing evil and in His committing evil. (Isaiah 54:16 – 17). So much of what we label as God is only the result of sin's effect in the world's system. God is not the author of sin, evil or harm. He is a good God. He is the Redeemer Who is actively working to once again bring the whole of believing mankind back to His Garden!

Whatever is coming down in your life in the now, it is so important to listen listening to the Holy Spirit. Listen with the intent of obeying His Word when you hear it. Such posture before God will bring His blessing as well as His deliverance from calamity should you find yourself in the middle of such trouble.

And remember... "surely God will do you good!" (Genesis 32:12; Romans 8:28, 2 Corinthians 4:15).

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