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Why do bad things happen to good people?



Job

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**Consider now: who, being innocent, has
ever perished?**

Where were the upright ever destroyed?

Job 4:7

**If I have sinned, what have I done to you,
You who see everything we do?
Why have you made me your target?**

Job 7:20

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- Bildad

How long will you say such things?

Your words are a blustering wind.

Does God pervert justice?

Does the Almighty pervert what is right?

**When your children sinned against him he
gave them over to the penalty of their sin.**

Job 8:2-4

**But if you seek God earnestly
and plead with the Almighty,
if you are pure and upright,
Even now he will rouse himself on your behalf
And restore you to your prosperous state.**

Job 8:5-6

Although I am blameless, I have no concern for myself, I despise my own life.

If only there were someone to mediate between us, someone to bring us together.

Job 9:21; 33

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- Bildad
- Zophar

**Are all these words to go unanswered?
Is this talker to be vindicated?
Will your idle talk reduce others to silence?
Will no one rebuke you when you mock?**

**Oh, how I wish that God would speak,
that He would open his lips against you?**

**If you would put away the sin that is in your
hand...**

Job 11:2-3, 5, 14

I have a mind as well as you, I am not inferior to you.

**How many wrongs and sins have I committed?
Show me my offense and my sin.**

Job 12:3; 13:23

Today the collaboration for the [LHCb experiment](#) at CERN's [Large Hadron Collider](#) announced the discovery of two new particles in the baryon family. The particles, known as the Ξ_b^- and Ξ_b^{*-} , were predicted to exist by the quark model but had never been seen before. A related particle, the Ξ_b^{*0} , was found by the CMS experiment at CERN in 2012. The LHCb collaboration submitted a paper reporting the finding to *Physical Review Letters*.

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Does the eagle soar at your command?

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 - Facing one's smallness (40-41)

Can any understand the spreadings of the Clouds
the noise of his Tabernacle

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Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud
He scattereth the bright cloud also it is turned
by his counsels



Of Behemoth he saith, He is the chief of the ways of God
Of Leviathan he saith, He is King over all the Children of Pride

Behold now Behemoth which I made with thee

W. Blake invent. & sculpt.

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 - Facing one's finitude (40-41)
- Job's humble reply (42:1-5)

Then Job replied to the Lord:

**“I know that you can do all things;
no purpose of yours can be thwarted.**

**You asked, ‘who is this that obscures my plans
without knowledge?’**

**Surely I spoke of things I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me to know.”**

**“You said, ‘listen now, and I will speak;
I will question you and you shall answer me.’
My ears have heard of you
but now my eyes have seen you.
Therefore I despise myself
and repent in dust and ashes.”**

Job 42:1-5

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- 5- Understand God's method for dealing with sin and suffering**

“We must discover wisdom for ourselves after a journey that no one can take for us or spare us.”

Marcel Proust

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Murray Abraham as Salieri

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During:

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Encourage others

**Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom
and knowledge of God!**

**How unsearchable his judgments
and his paths beyond tracing out!**

Who has known the mind of God?

Or who has been his counselor?

**Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay him?**

**For from him and through him
and for him are all things.**

To him be the glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:33-36