

Evil

What is evil? One possible definition could be, "Terrible acts of cruelty that man commits against another." However, let us consider how evil should to be defined in relation to God.

1. Summarize the following two verses in your own words:

Isaiah 1:4 (NIV) – *"Woe to the sinful nation, a people whose guilt is great, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the LORD; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him."* _____

Jeremiah 7:24a (ESV) – *"But they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and the stubbornness of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward."* _____

2. According to Matthew 15:19-20a where does evil originate? _____
Toward whom are the results of evil often directed? _____

3. Discuss the following passages and determine which statement measures up to the truth of Scripture:

"God does evil or can be blamed for the evil of others."

OR

"God does no evil. People do evil out of their own sinful desires."

Psalms 5:4 - _____

James 1:13-14 - _____

I John 1:5 - _____

"God ignores the evil that man does."

OR

"God hates evil and will punish those who do evil."

Psalms 5:5 - _____

Isaiah 13:11 - _____

"God is not sovereign over evil."

OR

"God is sovereign over evil"

Mark 1:27 - _____

II Peter 2:4 - _____

"God cannot cause evil committed by Satan or man to work for His good purposes."

OR

"God causes evil to accomplish His good purposes."

Genesis 50:20 - _____

Acts 4:27-28 - _____