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# **ANIMATION**



# MAKING SENSE OF OUR LIVES

*Heaven's fence*

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# JOHN KNIGHT



# 1900 years of persecution



# HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS



# THE TSUNAMI

*“When the Son of  
Man cometh shall  
He find faith on  
the earth?” (Luke  
18:8)*

# THE PROBLEM ABOUT GOD

- *If God is all-powerful, He can remove evil & pain*
- *If God is all-loving, He will want to remove evil & pain*
- ***BUT EVIL AND PAIN STILL EXIST***
- ***CONCLUSION:***
  - God is not all-powerful,*
  - or He is not all-loving*
  - or He is not both*

# THE DEATH OF LAZARUS



***“Lord, had You been here, my brother would not have died”***

# WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?



***GOD?***

***SATAN?***

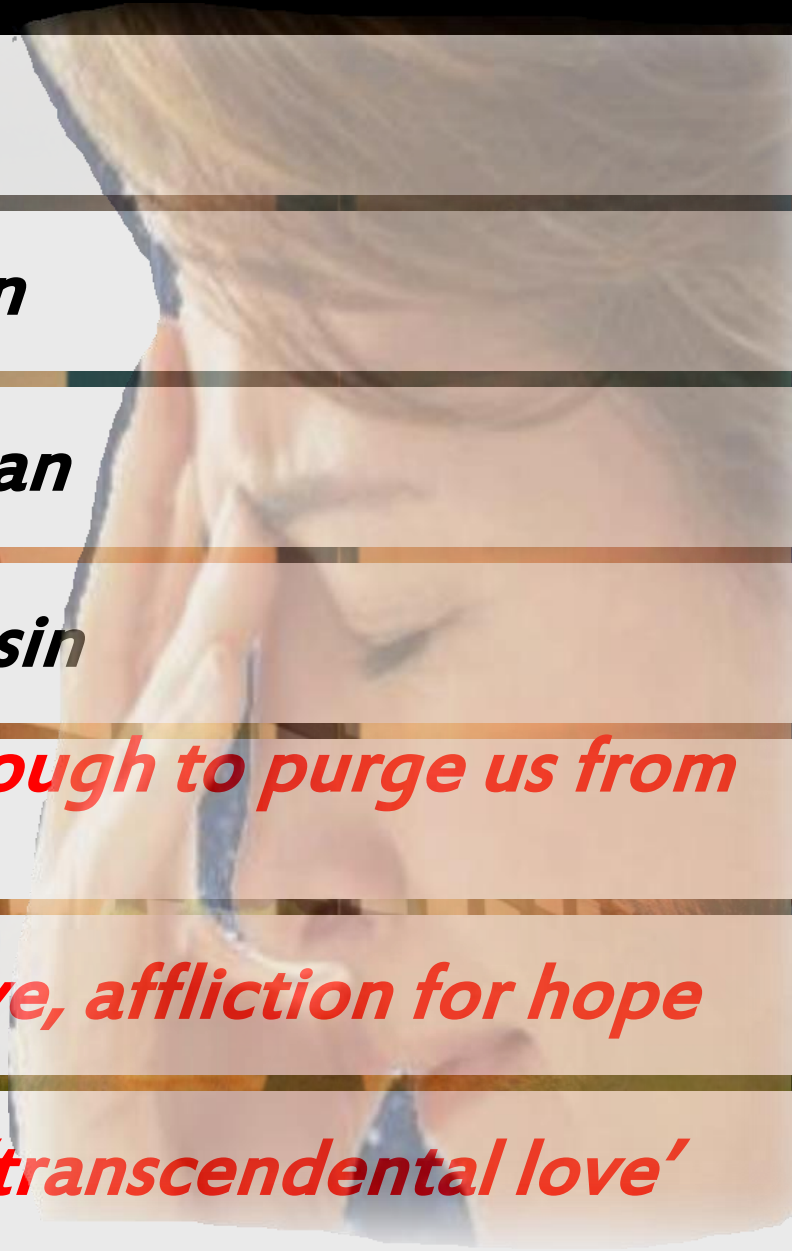
***WE?***

# THE APPLE



# GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IN MAN'S SUFFERING

- *General suffering of mankind*
- *General suffering of a Christian*
- *The suffering man causes to man*
- *Punishment and judgment for sin*
- *The suffering God takes us through to purge us from sin*
- *Trial of faith, temptation of love, affliction for hope*
- *The suffering to demonstrate 'transcendental love'*



# *Man's general suffering*



GOD'S ROLE AND SATAN'S ROLE

# *A Christian's general suffering*

➤ *It is God who permits and limits our suffering*

➤ *He is sovereign in our sickness*

➤ *He is sovereign when people persecute us*

➤ *Eli*

➤ *Aaron*

➤ *Job*

➤ *David*

➤ *Abraham, Abimelech*

➤ *Jacob, Esau*

➤ *Joseph, his brothers*

➤ *Ahab, Elijah*

➤ *Haman, Jews (Daniel)*

➤ *Calvary*

➤ *10 kings of Tribulation*

*Man causes suffering to man*



# *Judgment for sin*



*Suffering through which  
God purges us from sin*



*Trials of faith*

*Temptations of love*

*Afflictions for our hope*



*Suffering as proof of  
'transcendental love'*

UNSTOPPABLE  
CONSUMING  
PASSION  
BRIGHT  
PURE  
HOT  
WILD



*Sovereign even  
in our failures*



# HOW THE TRUTH ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY HELPS US



- *Solid Foundation*
- *Deeply humbling*
- *Explains how every step is by grace, not works*
- *Sense of total security*
- *Comfort in sorrow*
- *Helps us rejoice in everything*
- *Sovereignty, prophecy, God's divine plan*



# *Making sense of our lives*





GOD

IS

SOVEREIGN