

CrossWalk NOTES

Seven Wonders of the Modern Mind

Why Is Life So Unfair?

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¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." ¹⁶To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." ¹⁷To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." ²⁰Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. ²¹The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. ²²And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." ²³So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life. (Genesis 3:14-24, NIV)

- Isn't God all-_____?
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- Isn't God completely _____?

Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. (Job 42:3, NIV)

1. _____ compels us to confess: ***We don't have all the answers.***

- There is a spiritual _____ being waged in our unjust world.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:12, NIV)

- _____ consequences and curses are at work in our unjust world.

For the wages of sin is death... (Romans 6:23, NIV)

- God _____ deeply for the hurting and the victimized in our unjust world.

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. (Matthew 14:14, NIV)

2. _____ compels us to share: ***We do have some of the answers.***

- God wants _____ to be part of his solution to restore justice in our unjust world.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21, NIV)

Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. (2 Corinthians 8:2, NIV)

3. _____ compels us to care: ***We do have compassion and community to offer.***

My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":

- Thank God for his "injustice" in forgiving you by grace.
- Show "injustice" to others by extending grace to them.
- Meditate on and memorize 2 Corinthians 5:21 and 8:2.