

# Trusting God: His Wisdom and Love

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## I. Introduction.

- A. When we say God is sovereign, we base that on the Bible.
- B. The question then comes up that if God is sovereign, why does He allow tragedies.

## II. Wisdom is commonly defined as “good judgment.”

- A. Human wisdom is fallible, so we agonize over decisions.
- B. God’s wisdom is intuitive, infinite, and infallible.

1. The best end of any action in the universe is that God would be glorified, not that we would be comfortable or happy.
2. Fortunately, God has ordained that what is for God’s glory is also for our good.
3. God can be glorified through suffering- the universe was not created for us, but for Him. We often do not have the end of the story when it comes to tragedy. (John 9; Genesis 50:19)
4. If God is sovereign, does he cause sin? No. But He allowed sin to come into the world and controls how it affects the accomplishment of His will. (Genesis 50:19)
5. God disciplines us in His wisdom for our good. (Hebrews 12:4ff, 10-11)
  1. Not all suffering is God’s discipline.
  2. God is interested in who we are. We don’t understand His wisdom and He is not required to explain Himself.
    - a) We often try to figure out what God is doing. We’re unwilling to live without an explanation.
    - b) We need to learn to trust God without an explanation and to learn from adversity. (Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 11:33; Psalm 119:71)

III. God's love can coexist with His sovereignty, even when we don't understand how.

A. God is the essence of love. The greatest calamity that could occur to us is eternal separation from Him and He has already averted that through Jesus. (1 John 4:8ff; Romans 8:31)

B. Believing in the love of God is not based on feeling loved by God but on the scripture. (Isaiah 40:10-11; Isaiah 49:14-15; Isaiah 119:11; Romans 15:4)

1. When we doubt God's love, we sin.

2. We need to memorize the scripture verses that have to do with God's love so that we can lean on them when we are tempted to doubt God.

**Application questions:**

1. How have you seen suffering or trials in your life turn out for your good?

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2. Some would say that God cannot be both sovereign and good. How would you respond to them based on this message? Do you agree with Jerry or with them? What scripture verses back up your point of view?

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3. How is God sending Jesus to us a demonstration of His love?

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