Biblical Theology
U2L13: Sovereignty of God Part 3

God's Sovereignty and Evil

1. ***God never does evil.***
   - *James 1:13-14 - for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.*
   - *Deuteronomy 32:4 – "A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He."*
   - *1 John 1:5 - God is light, in Him there is no darkness at all."*

2. ***God uses all things to fulfill his purposes which are ultimately good.***
   - *Acts 2:23 - Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,*
   - *Ephesians 1:4-6 - even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world*
   - *Romans 8:28 - And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

3. ***God rightfully judges evil.***
   - *Ecclesiastes 7:29 –God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.*
   - *Isaiah 66:4 - they did what was evil in my eyes and chose that in which I did not delight.*

4. ***Evil is real.***
   - *Matthew 6:13 - And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*
   - *James 5:19-20 - save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.*
   - *1 Peter 2:11 - abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.*

5. ***Evil is ultimately a mystery.***
   - Scriptures don't tell us exactly how God uses evil to bring about the best result. Ultimately brings us back to the necessity of faith and trust in God's sovereignty.

6. ***Evil loses in the end.***
   - *Revelation 20:10 - and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire*
   - *Revelation 21:3-4 - And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*
   - *Romans 8:18 - For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

Practical Questions

- Why does God allow evil to exist?

- Why is there suffering in the world?

- Shouldn't we say that a God that sends people to hell is evil?