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BIBLE TALK

Question: Why are the wicked blessed and the righteous made to struggle?

Answer: A feeling of being punished often arises when losing family members in death or experiencing other trauma. The Father in heaven "*makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust*" (Matt. 5:45). The following verses admonish the good and the just to love and serve God and fellowman

despite the injustices of life. Jesus taught a parable, illustrating the injustices of life and how to respond (Matt. 13:24-30). Tares and wheat were growing together and the instruction was to leave them alone *now*. We become so preoccupied with the here and now that we forget all about the bye and bye! We seem to be "fix-it" people and strive always to have a solution and be in control or life's situations. We are totally distraught when not capable of fixing some things! Our time of mistreatment, injustice and hurt is so brief here in relationship to the time spent where these nasty elements do not exist. When times of deprivation come, "*Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you*" (Matt. 5:10-12). Paul warned that the godly would suffer (2 Tim. 3:12). To the Corinthians, he enumerated several calamities they would experience before "*being raised up with Jesus*" (2 Cor. 4:8-9, 14). We have a *just* God (Isa. 45:21), whose Son died, "*the just for the unjust*" (1 Pet. 3:18), whose judgment is *just* (Jn. 5:30), providing a resurrection for the *just* (Lk. 14:14). Justice may not be realized now, but certainly will be later!

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