



**Earthquakes, Fires,
Tsunamis, and Coronavirus**

Romans 8:28

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.

Is God responsible?

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- **God is sovereign**

Psalm 135:6

6 Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,
in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all deeps.

Romans 11:34-36

- 34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”
- 35 “Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

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Job 1:21

²¹ And he said, “Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

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Genesis 50:20

²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

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Acts 8:4

⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.

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1 Peter 1:8-9

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,
⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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James 1:2-4

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Romans 5:3-5

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