

Simple Gifts--October 6

Why Bad Things Happen to Good People

This question often arises after one loses a friend or a compassionate roommate. Lately, it was Cousin Bobby who represented all good things about being a Christian. He reared three Christian children, remained loyal to his wife and still found time to visit Third World Countries to give them a hand wherever they needed help. He was 69. We expected him to be around many more years.

Although this is still difficult to answer, I find myself searching through the bible and books to get some meaning and comfort.

If we blame God and turn away from him, there is no other place to go. Is Satan hoping this will happen? So we think God is powerful and he could have done things differently. Why didn't he? But then we must remember that Jesus ran into this same wall when what he wanted came in conflict with what God wanted.

My bible studies remind me that God is merciful. He has endless love for us; death is not the end of life; and he needs good people in heaven. I found comfort from my book on prayers. Here are the words:

For Those in Pain

*Grant, O Lord, to all those who are bearing pain
thy spirit of healing,
thy spirit of life,
thy spirit of peace and hope,
of courage and endurance.*

*Cast out from them the spirit of anxiety and fear;
grant them perfect confidence and trust in thee,
that in thy light they may see light,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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