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***WHY DO BAD THINGS  
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**LUKE 13:01-09**

**Martin Rogers**  
**Luke Sermon No. 84**

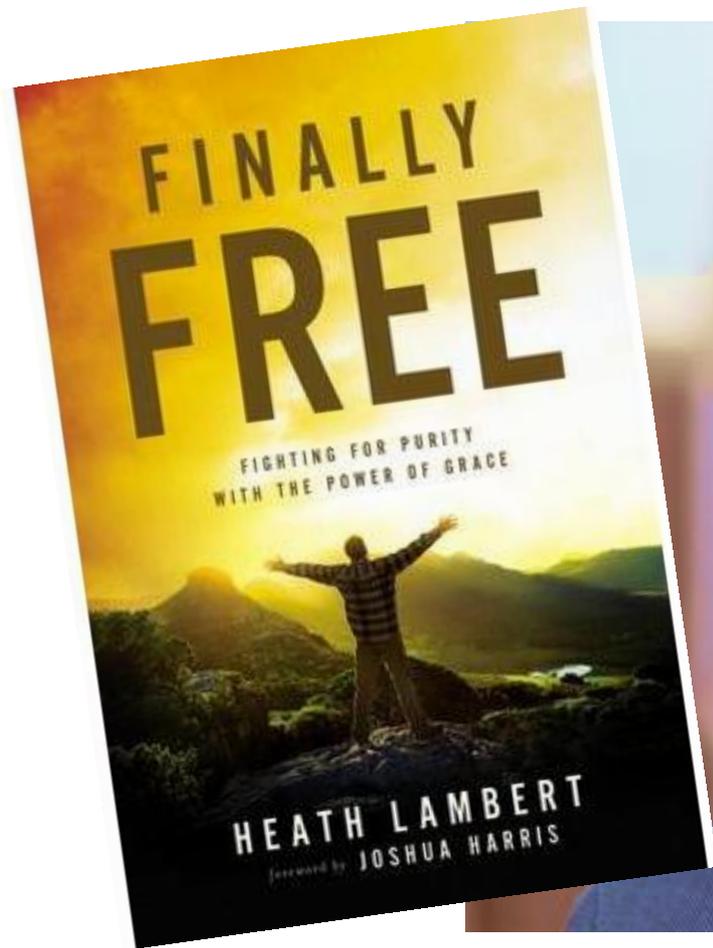
***The universality of suffering and God's seeming indifference to it prompts us to ask why He allows bad things to happen to good people. But that question misses the point.***

***No-one is truly good, because; 'there is no man who does not sin' (1 Kings 8:46); 'there is no-one who does good' (Psalm 143:2); no-one can say, 'I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from my sin' (Proverbs 20:9); 'there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins' (Ecclesiastes 7:20).***

***Since 'all have sinned' Romans 3:23) and 'the wages of sin is death' (Romans 6:23), everyone deserves death. ...Continued***

***The real question is not why bad things happen to good people, but why good things happen to bad people. [The fact] that they do reflects God's compassion, grace, and mercy to underserving sinners.***

***Because redeemed sinners still live in a fallen world, bad things also happen to believers. But unlike what happens to unbelievers, when believers experience the same calamities they are not judgements, but remedial trials to benefit them spiritually and bring honour to God.'***



**Heath Lambert's Testimony '*I will bear Witness*' available from the CCEF website**

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- Just like the incident in Carlton in March 2013 when a brick wall tragically killed three people, these things happen. They were no worse than anyone else.



***Throughout history, accidents, natural disasters, crime, and war have killed unbelievers at all points of the moral spectrum, as well as believers. For the unbelievers this means eternal judgement in hell, but for believers it brings eternal blessing in heaven. The Lord's point is that those who perish in such calamities are no worse sinners than those who survive. Those who live do so because through they deserve to die, God withholds what they deserve for a time in mercy. He allows sinners to live because He is compassionate, gracious merciful and patient toward them... But God uses calamities to remind people that death is often an imminent surprise for which they need to be prepared. He allows sinners to live because He is compassionate gracious merciful and patient toward them... But God uses calamities to remind people that death is often an imminent surprise for which they need to be prepared. MacArthur New Testament Commentary Luke 11-17; p186-187***

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