

Kenny Moorner - The Dilemma: Evil and Free Will

Brother Moorner discussed the existence of evil in a world created by a good God, emphasizing that God gave humans the ability to choose knowing what awaited them in this life and the life to come. He highlighted Jesus' sacrifice as the solution to evil and underscored the importance of recognizing that sin is sin, regardless of severity. He also emphasized God's plan to demonstrate His love for humanity through Jesus Christ.

Action Items

- Repent of your sins and turn to God.
- Make the choice to follow Jesus over evil.
- Take up your cross daily and follow Jesus.
- Accept what Jesus is asking you to do to be with Him.
- Come to Jesus and obey the gospel.

Outline

The dilemma of evil and freewill.

- The dilemma of evil and freewill is a difficult topic that we don't have all the answers to.
- Why would a good God create a world with freewill leading to sin and suffering?

God's plan and redemption through Jesus Christ.

- Paul emphasizes God's plan and answer in Ephesians 1: redemption through blood, forgiveness of sins, and inheritance predestined according to God's good pleasure.
- God created humans with free will, knowing they would make wise and foolish choices, but ultimately, God's plan was executed at the right time to reconcile us to Himself through Jesus Christ.
- Paul in Romans 5:6-8 states that God demonstrated His love towards us by dying while we were still sinners, and now, through Jesus Christ, we can be saved from wrath and reconciled to God.

God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ.

- God's plan to demonstrate love for humanity through Jesus Christ was revealed through the "rescue operation."
- God's love is demonstrated through Jesus' sacrifice, revealing His plan for salvation.
- God's love and solution to evil: Jesus' death for both the just and unjust.

Jesus' suffering and fairness.

- Peter emphasizes that Jesus' suffering and death were unfair, but it eliminates the concept of fairness.
- Jesus suffered on behalf of sinners to bring them to God.

Sin and repentance in Luke 13.

- Jesus responds to the story of the Galileans who were killed by Pilate, saying they were not worse sinners than others, but unless they repent, they will perish.
- Jesus emphasizes that sin is sin and everyone needs to repent, using the example of the Tower of Siloam collapse to illustrate the point.
- Jesus focuses on the consequences of sin.

Repentance and choosing God's plan.

- The importance of repentance in salvation.
- God demonstrates love by giving us a choice to follow Him, as shown through Jesus' sacrifice.
- God desires a personal relationship with all of us.