

Why Has God Not Destroyed This World?

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Articles appear every day in the newspaper describing the brutal murders of innocent people. Recently, a father beat his little boy to death because he would not stop crying. Why does God allow such wickedness to continue?

Some think that because God does not immediately punish the wicked that they have escaped God's judgment. On the contrary, the Bible teaches that men and women who refuse to repent and obey the gospel are storing up for themselves the wrath or the anger of God (Romans 2:4; 2 Thess.1:8). No one will escape the judgment of God! God patiently waits for individuals to repent. The Bible says that God is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

Our Creator has no desire to punish us. He loves us and wants everyone to be saved. However, He will save no one who refuses to forsake their sins. This is exactly the reason Peter told the people who had actually had part in the crucifixion of Jesus to "repent and be baptized" for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38). So, why has God not destroyed this world? It is simply because of His great mercy and love for mankind. He is patiently waiting and giving men and women every opportunity to repent and do His will.