

Where was God when....?

Over the coming months many well-intentioned people are going to ask questions such as:

- ❖ Where was God when my son got killed in the desert of Iraq?
- ❖ Where was God when our missiles cruelly wounded a 9-year-old little Iraqi girl?
- ❖ Where was God when one of our helicopters lost power and fell to the earth killing 8 teenaged soldiers and several civilian observers?

The answer to the questions is simple though beyond your complete understanding (Dt. 29:29).

Where was God when...? God was in the same place He had been when He gave breath to your little baby boy. God was in the same place He had been when He gifted man with the intelligence to design, build and operate helicopters. God was in the same place He had been when *His* Son died.

God was in heaven at creation. God was in heaven when He gifted your son with birth. God was in heaven when He sacrificed His Son on a shameful cross outside the gates of Jerusalem.

Imagine God being One who already has all the facts, possesses flawless judgment and is not subject to circumstantial variations. Further, suppose Him perfectly balanced in all His ways, and His means and methods are impeccable. In addition, dare to think that He has planned with virtuous purity everything everywhere at all times in all places and that all things do work together precisely according to the counsel of His undefiled will. Finally, disabuse from your mind any possibility for Him to err and entrust to Him unrestricted ability to bring about His desires coupled with superlatively immaculate motives.

God is sovereign and He knows everything. His Spirit is everywhere and nothing is too difficult for Him (Ps. 139). The living and active God is in heaven giving what is good to those who ask Him (Mt. 7:12).

God is immutable without “variation or shifting shadow” (Js. 1:17). He is perfect so He has no need to change. God was not created; He always has been (Isa. 48:12).

God is omnipotent for His power is without measure. His strength is such that when man does wrong, God superintends man’s evil so that it accomplishes good (Gen. 50:20).

God possesses no inadequacy – man does. Man refuses to believe that God can do what He says because man makes God too much like man – finite and limited. Man substitutes the omnipotent God for a fallible image of God that is more like man than God.

Perhaps the present conflict is God’s provisioning for you to exercise His ministry of mercy. Jesus, your consolation, is positioning you to console those affected by the deeds of evil men.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:6f).