HOW DOES GOD USE EVIL?

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* Today -- Opportunity to give 2 presentations

* Often -- Both topics are directly connected -- but not today

* Second title -- How Does God Use Evil?

James 1:13

God cannot be tempted by evil -- nor does He

Himself tempt
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anyone

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Tempt
"peirazo" -- (Strong's #3985) -- verb
 to test, to tempt
 to try to trap
 to examine

the difference between a test and a temptation is found in the tester's motivations and expectations -- the devil tempts that the believer might fail God's standards of faith -- God tests that He might determine and sharpen true character, with no focus on making the believer fail "peirasmos" -- (Strong's #3986) -- noun test, trial, temptation

* How Does God Use Evil?

* God Claimed to Create Evil

Isaiah 45:7 I make peace and create evil

* Job's Two Trials

Job 1:8	God initiated the 1st trial
11	Satan suggested some details
12	God approved the details put limit on Satan
Job 2:3	God initiated the 2nd trial
4-5	Satan suggested some details
6	God approved the details put limit on Satan

* Fall of Ahab

1 Kings 22:20	God determined that Ahab would fall at Ramoth
	Gilead but He
	listened to suggestions about the details
	of how it would occur
21	a spirit suggested that he would make it happen
22	notice
	God asked for details
	God heard the details
	God approved the details
	God gave permission to proceed with plan
23	God used a lying spirit to accomplish His goal