

THE ORIGIN OF A CRISIS

6/13/20

- * Today -- I have the opportunity to give 2 presentations
- * First presentation is -- The Origin of a Crisis
- * Second presentation will be -- Dealing With a Crisis
- * Purpose of presentations -- Reminder about how God manages the events of this world and the events in your life
- * For the record -- much of this material was given here in our congregation during the following presentations:

10/20/01 -- Sovereignty of God

11/3/12 -- 3 Ways the Sovereign God Creates Calamity - Part 1

11/3/12 -- 3 Ways the Sovereign God Creates Calamity - Part 2

9/6/14 -- Is God Really in Charge?

11/3/18 -- How Does God Create Calamity?

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Isaiah 45:7 I make peace and create evil

New King James -- I make peace and create calamity

New American Standard -- causing well-being and creating calamity

Moffatt -- I bring bliss and calamity

Contemporary English -- I create happiness and sorrow

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Here are 3 general approaches (which are all found in the Bible) about God's involvement in crisis:

1. God directly creates the crisis

Exod. 4:21 but I will harden Pharaoh's heart -- that he won't let you go

22-23 God told Moses what to say -- God told Moses to warn Pharaoh about the death of his son, his firstborn son

2. God allows Satan to create the crisis

1 Kings 22:19-23 God gave a lying spirit freedom to visit Ahab

Job 1:6-12 God said -- do what you want with anything that belongs to him, but don't harm him

Job 2:1-6 God said -- make Job suffer as much as you want, but just don't kill him

3. God allows time-and-chance to create the crisis

Eccles. 9:11 time and chance happens to all

Matt. 5:45 God makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good

-- God sends rain on the just and on the
unjust